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BROADENING BUSINESS—BANK PROFITS—INDUSTRIAL POINTS—TOBACCO SHARES—INTEREST IN MINES—RUBBER'S SHARP FALL.

(R. J. BARRETT, Financial Editor.)

A week of comparative activity was experienced by the Stock Exchange, and dealers are hoping that public interest in markets will continue to broaden. As expected, the bulk of the business passing was of an investment nature, the stimulus being provided by the prospect of a reduction in Bank rate to 4½ per cent. Although this did not come on Thursday, the strength of the return and the expectation of a further gold influx convinced the Stock Exchange that the lower rate will not be long delayed, so that the improvement in gilt-edged stock was well maintained.

While British Funds show almost general appreciation, Conversion 5 per Cent. shows a singular lack of response, the reason being that stock which was allotted to certain houses at 10s. per cent. below the issue price is still overhanging the market. To offer such terms without providing that stock so obtained should not be sold below par is regarded as bad finance, but at present prices the opportunity to exchange from War Loan 5 per Cent. into Conversion 5 per Cent. "B" stock appears to be worth taking. India stocks, as expected, have quickly recovered from the political scare.

Home Railway Prior charges which were recommended for investment are improving steadily, but the Ordinary make little progress, though Underground Electrics have been bought on dividend prospects and the possibilities of the new extension in North London. The principal dividends will be declared on February 12 and 13, and that of the London and North-Eastern on February 22.

Brazilian Government and Railway bonds show a general and substantial recovery in consequence of the improvement in exchange and the news that owing to the better coffee situation a loan is no longer required by the State of Sao Paulo. Buying of European Government loans continues, and those recommended in these columns have proved useful investments.

BANK PROFITS.

Announcements made since Sunday last indicate that Barclays was not the only member of the Big Five group of joint stock banks to secure increased profits in the past year. The second half of 1929, though it witnessed shocks and disappointments and a considerable depreciation in the value of high-class as well as speculative securities, was also a period of dearer money, and, therefore, more profitable lending. On the whole, the banks appear to have benefited by the higher charges they were able to make to customers. Bank rate itself was almost exactly 1 per cent. higher in 1929 than in the previous year, while the average rate for three months bills was almost 1¼ per cent. above that for 1928. At the same time, the rate for Treasury Bills, in which so much of the banks' floating resources are employed, was 5¼ per cent., as compared with 4⅛ per cent. It looks as if dear money had compensated to some extent for a reduced turnover and for losses incurred on ill-secured advances. Aggregate profits of the Big Five amounted to £11,880,000, being £137,000, or a shade over 1 per cent., more than for 1928.

As usual, profits have been arrived at after making full provision for bad and doubtful debts, which, according to popular rumour, were on a much heavier scale than the banks have to face in normal times. That makes their record all the more remarkable. Dividends are, as expected, maintained, and in two instances allocations to reserves have actually been increased.

The one disappointment outside the Big Five area is the reduction in the dividend of Williams Deacons, though it was a matter of common knowledge that in the principal districts served by this well-known Lancashire institution there has been considerable industrial depression. The actual falling-off in profits was comparatively trifling, and the directors' decision to reduce the rate of distribution was evidently a precautionary measure. Another bank operating in the same area, the Manchester and County, also suffered a slight set-back in profits, but maintained its dividend. On the other hand, the District Bank, the largest of independent provincial institutions, increased its profits, as also did Martins Bank. The record of the banks as a whole is a very gratifying one, and should serve to inspire continued confidence in their strong financial position and also in the attractions of their shares as thoroughly sound investments.

INDUSTRIAL POINTS.

Industrials have shown remarkable vitality, the strength of the leading shares confounding those who predicted a long period of neglect for these markets. The recovery in the Swedish group was especially noteworthy, and in practically every case where shares possess intrinsic merit this has found increased recognition. International Nickels, for instance, made a prompt response to the circulation of authentic news regarding the progress of development work on the Frood mine, which continues to fulfil expectations.

Considerable interest has been aroused by the announcement of further important steps towards the rationalisation of the heavy industries. In addition to the deal between Guest, Keen, and Nettlefolds and Baldwins, there have been rumours of an arrangement for close working between the South Durham Steel Company, which includes the Cargo Fleet and the Dorman Long-Bolckow Vaughan combine. John Brown and Company made it known that they would be joining forces with other companies, and this promise is fulfilled by the inclusion of part of their undertaking and that of T. Firth in the English Steel Corporation. The negotiations that have now borne fruit have been in progress for months past, and their success is a matter for congratulation. Already share prices have improved to a moderate extent in the belief that the long delayed return of prosperity is now in sight, provided the industries are left alone by the politicians.

British Bank shares have responded in no uncertain fashion to the very satisfactory dividends and profit statements for the past year. These show that the losses which are known to have been incurred through the financing of various forms of industry have been more than offset by profits from other quarters, such as the discounting of bills and loans to the Money Market and the Stock Exchange. Williams Deacons Bank "A" shares exceptionally declined to 45s. 6d. on the reduction of the year's dividend from 13¾ per cent. to 13⅛ per cent. Indian Bank shares, which have fallen to absurdly low levels during the political scare show a general recovery, but are still obtainable to give a very handsome return on the capital invested, allowing for dividends being paid free of income-tax.

Allied Newspapers were unchanged at 1 5-16 and Amalgamated Press at 20s. 6d. Courtauls rallied well, other firm spots including the Margarine issues, Molasses and Pinchin Johnsons. Imperial Chemicals also made headway, helped by the official assurance that the company's world trade for 1929 was greater than ever before, and that everything points to its continued expansion. The new United Tobacco Second preferences mentioned last week proved attractive, and Imperial Tobaccos were bought for the dividend, the market estimating 22½ per cent. for the year free of tax.

Among Breweries, Guinness Units crossed 100s., equivalent to a price of 500 for the stock in its old form Hoare and Co. and Meux also displayed marked strength, and Distillers found favour, but reacted after the announcement that the interim dividend is unchanged.

Tobacco shares, after being temporarily neglected, are regaining their popularity, thanks to the excellent results recently announced by members of the Imperial group. At the British-American meeting last Monday the chairman, Sir Hugo Cunliffe-Owen, was able to tell shareholders that business in the first three months of the current year continues to be satisfactory. There is little doubt that this happy state of affairs will be maintained, and that a year hence the company will be able to set up a new record.

Last year's slight drop in profits was more apparent than real, and was due to the segregation of assets disposed of to Tobacco Securities Trust, in which British American shareholders secured for every eight Ordinary shares held one Ordinary and one Deferred share of the Trust. For the year to October last the Trust declared 16 per cent. on its Ordinary capital and 2.742d. on its Deferred shares. Therefore British American shareholders who retained their holdings in the Trust really received for 1928-29 a total return of 26.8 per cent., free of tax, or 1.8 per cent. more than for the previous year.

Tobacco shareholders generally should be interested in the official disclosure just made that the stocks of tobacco in the warehouses of the Port of London Authority at the close of last year amounted to 48,278 tons, or exactly 50 per cent. more than they were four years ago, and were worth approximately £60,000,000. The great increase is a striking indication of the steadily growing popularity of tobacco smoking generally, and of cigarette smoking in particular. Another point of interest is that of the total stocks 61 per cent. was foreign grown, and the remainder Empire grown. Imperial preference is enabling the smoker to smoke not only Imperially, but more cheaply, and companies which specialise in the manufacture of Empire-grown tobacco should continue to increase their profits.

INVESTMENT HINTS.

Owing to the trade depression the dividend outlook for the Ordinary shares of the great textile combines is somewhat doubtful, but their finances are so strong that their Preference shares are entitled to rank among the soundest of Industrial investments. Prices are materially below the best points touched in recent years, and the return is substantial, as shown below.

	Price.	Highest 1928-29.	Yield % £	s.	d.
Bradford Dyers 5% Pref.	17/3 xd	20/7½	5	15	9
Coats 6% "B" Pref.	22/6	24/7½	5	6	9
Calico Printers 5% Pref.	14/6	18/6	6	19	6
English Sewing Cot. 5% Pref.	17/3	20/-	5	15	9
Fine Cotton Spin. 5% Pref. ...	16/3	20/3	6	3	3

Issued in February, 1929, at 88, the 7 per cent. bonds of the Rumanian Stabilisation and Development loan are now obtainable at 84 and yield 8⅜ per cent. The bonds are specially secured by the revenue from certain monopolies which for the first eleven months of 1928 produced £5,211,000, whereas the full service of this loan, including the bonds issued in New York and various European countries, requires £1,660,000. The Swedish Match Company guarantees the Monopolies Institute an annual minimum royalty of £600,000. Redemption is due in 1959 by half-yearly drawings at par on February 1 and August 1.

A lady reader supplies a long list of investments, including shares in three building societies and a large number of Preference shares in industrial companies. All of the latter show depreciation, but as they represent fair commercial risks the lady has been advised to retain them rather than sell at current prices. She explains that her trustee invested her capital in this form because he was afraid to buy British Government securities in view of the talk of repudiating the National Debt. This example, which is one of many, shows the harm that can be done by such irresponsible talk. If this investor's capital had been placed in Government stocks it would now be practically intact.

At 18 the £5 fully-paid shares of the Chartered Bank of India, Australia, and China yield 5⅜ per cent. free of tax, or over 7 per cent. subject to tax at the present rate. For nine years the dividend has been maintained at 14 per cent., with a bonus in each year of 6¼ per cent., both dividend and bonus being tax free. The reserve is £4,000,000, compared with an issued capital of £3,000,000, and the financial position generally is strong, the only reason for the low price of the shares being the political unrest in India and the unsatisfactory conditions recently prevailing in Australia and China. Last year's highest price was 22½.

Those who bought Simms Motor Units at higher levels might consider the advisability of averaging at 1 3-16. It is understood that the recent fall in the shares was due to liquidation, and that the intrinsic position of the company is as sound as ever. The subsidiary, the Standard Insulator Company, paid 30 per cent. for the year ended June 30, and the results of Simms Motor Units for the calendar year are expected to compare favourably with those for 1929.

INTEREST IN MINES.

The Mining departments as a whole have enjoyed at least their full share of the increased business which has come to the Stock Exchange. No very definite "bull points" can be boasted; but as regards South Africans attention has been aroused by the good yields afforded by some shares such as New Modder and Van Ryn Deep, and the speculative possibilities of others, such as East Rand Proprietary and Luipaard's Vlei. Paris made large purchases of its favourites, particularly Central Mining and "Johnnies." In the case of the Northern Rhodesians, the ball may be regarded as having been set rolling by a renewal of American demand. It is stated that a well-known mining expert who has lately revisited the field remains extremely optimistic. Diamonds have held firm, with Consolidated Ordinary in special request.

Rio Tinto have benefited both from an advance in copper and the company's association with Northern Rhodesia; the quotation finished the week practically at the top. Messina have almost recovered the dividend. In Tin shares, Kramat Pulai forged ahead on the increase in the monthly profit and Sungei Besi on the prospect of the output being doubled.

The shares of silver-producing concerns, including Burma Corporation and some of the Broken Hills, have been sold in view of the drop in the white metal to a record low level. Shareholders in these concerns need to keep a watchful eye upon the course of events, as the dividends stand to be seriously affected. Amongst Miscellaneous mines Mining Trusts, Tigon and Trepca have appreciated in connection with pending developments.

OIL OUTPUTS.

The Oil share market has enjoyed a welcome revival of interest. Continental support for the leaders and an increase in the volume of local business transacted have resulted in a general improvement in quotations. A number of satisfactory outputs have been announced by individual companies.

Following a period of dullness, due to the offering of shares on an unwilling market, Trinidad issues have come in for renewed demand. The Apex report made a favourable showing, and an appreciable advance was recorded. It is stated that the reduced prices realised during the year are more than offset by the increased production of the company. Dealings in the United British Oilfields have been prompted by favourable rumours regarding the success of the company's deep drilling programme. Output for December shows a sharp advance over that for previous months. A similar increase is announced in production figures for Trinidad Leaseholds.

Venezuelans have shared in the general improved tendency, and Rumanians have also been favoured. A further high record is established by the latest output figures of the Phœnix Oil and Transport Company, production during December being the highest in the history of the company.

Total production figures of the Royal Dutch-Shell group for 1929 show an increase of as much as 3,078,389 metric tons over those for the previous year. It is interesting to note that the output from Venezuela exceeds the group's production from the United States.

RUBBER'S SHARP FALL.

Raw rubber prices gave way sharply throughout the week, and each day registered a further decline. The final level of 7d. is the lowest recorded since September, 1922. At that time the price fell to 6¾d., which is the cheapest rate ever touched. It was in the November of 1922, when the Stevenson restriction scheme came into operation. This eventually resulted in a jump in the price to 4s. 8d in November, 1925. The peak level ever recorded was in 1910, when 12s. 6d. was paid for hard Para.

Expectations of a disappointingly low consumption in America during December and rumours that January shipments from Malaya may prove to be even higher than those of December were given as the main causes of the weakness. Trade buying was of a restricted description in view of the falling market and supplies coming forward at an unexpectedly high level. This proved an added factor in depressing prices.

Conditions in the share market were comparatively steady, with prices only showing a limited number of small declines. Buyers were few, but at the same time there was no selling pressure apparent. Hong Kongs and Killinghalls were firm features on their Tin interests, the former rising at one time 7-16 to 2 5-16, and the latter 3-16 to 2⅛.

Tea shares continued a dull market, with a further fairly general fall in quotations.

THE OUTLOOK.

Prospects for Stock Exchange business have materially improved under the influence of the tonic provided by cheaper money. The retention of Bank Rate at 5 per cent. leaves something to anticipate, since a reduction to 4½ per cent is considered to be a question of a short time only in view of the fact that market rates are completely out of touch with Threadneedle Street.

There is every reason to expect that the Bank's gold reserves which have now reached the Cunliffe minimum, will continue to grow. In this connection importance is attached to the recent statement regarding the gold reserves of the Bank of France, from which it is inferred that French requirements, which have been a serious drain on the gold resources of the Bank of England during the last six months, have now practically come to an end.

A further factor in the return of confidence is the rapid progress that has been made in the last few days towards clearing up the position in the Hatry shares, so far as it affects members of the Stock Exchange, and the settlement is expected to take place comparatively soon, February 13 being mentioned as the most likely date.

Rhodesian Copper shares offer plenty of scope for the imagination, and have been selected as the medium for the first speculative movement of 1930. It is doubtful if the public have taken much part in the recent advance, and speculators should beware of coming in at the top. Present prices, it is true, are well below the highest of last year, but even these discount the probabilities many years ahead In the case of Chartered there is something definite to anticipate in the shape of an increased dividend.

PAST WEEK'S MARKET FEATURES.

	Jan. 3.		Jan. 10.		+ Rise or —Fall.
GILT-EDGED.					
War Loan 5%	100 1/4	...	100 9/16	...	+ 5/16
Conversion 3½% ...	74 1/4	...	75 13/16	...	+ 1 9/16
Consolidated 4%...	82 7/8	...	83 3/16	...	+ 5/16
Funding 4%.........	85 5/8	...	87	...	+ 1 3/8
India 3%	50 1/4	...	52	...	+ 1 3/4
FOREIGN.					
Austrian 6%.........	102 1/2	...	103 1/2	...	+ 1
Brazil Resc..........	51 1/2	...	52	...	+ 1/2
Do. Fndg. 1914	72	...	73 1/2	...	+ 1 1/2
Chinese 1896	97 1/4	...	98 1/2	...	+ 1 1/4
Nord 6% Bonds ...	104	...	105	...	+ 1
Peru Pref.	54 3/4	...	54	...	— 3/4
Do. 6%..............	79 1/2	...	77	...	— 2 1/2
St. Paulo Coff. ...	80	...	81	...	+ 1
Saarbruecken	90 1/2	...	93	...	+ 2 1/2
HOME AND FOREIGN RAILS.					
Gt. Western	91	...	92	...	+ 1
L.M. and S...	55 1/4	...	57	...	+ 1 3/4
L. & N.E. Pfd....	38	...	38 1/2	...	+ 1/2
Southern Def. ...	30	...	31	...	+ 1
Undgronnd Inc.	101	...	105	...	+ 4
Leopoldina	49 1/2	...	52 1/4	...	+ 2 3/4
United Havana ...	23	...	24	...	+ 1
INDUSTRIALS.					
Allied Newspapers	1 5/16	...	1 5/16	...	—
Amalgmtd. Press	20/6	...	20/6	...	—
Columbia Graph...	5 13/16	...	6 5/16	...	+ 1/2
Intern. Nickel......	32 5/8	...	37	...	+ 4 3/8
Margarine Union..	3 3/16	...	3 13/32	...	+ 7/32
Imp. Chemical ...	26/7½	...	28/10½	...	+ 2/3
Guest Keen.........	35/3	...	37/-	...	+ 1/9
Pinchin Johnson	2 3/16	...	2 1/2	...	+ 5/16
Meux Brewery ...	35/3	...	38/6	...	+ 3/3
Swedish Match 'B'	15 1/4	...	16 7/16	...	+ 1 3/16
Courtaulds	2 5/8	...	2 27/32	...	+ 7/32
Imperial Tobacco	4 15/16	...	5	...	+ 1/16
Lautaro Pref.......	2 7/16	...	2 3/4	...	+ 5/16
Barclays Bank "B"	54/-	...	55/6	...	+ 1/6
Lloyds Bank	60/-	...	63/-	...	+ 3/-
Cables & W. "B"	35	...	39	...	+ 4
MINES.					
Cons. Gold Fields	2 1/4	...	2 5/16	...	+ 1/16
Daggafontein	1	...	1 7/32	...	+ 7/32
East Rand Prop....	11/9	...	12/9	...	+ 1/-
Bwana M'Kubwa	21/6	...	23/9	...	+ 2/3
Rhod. Con. Border	7 1/2	...	8 1/8	...	+ 5/8
Tanganyika	2	...	2 3/16	...	+ 3/16
Burma Corp.	15/-	...	14/6	...	— /6
Rio Tinto (£5)......	43 3/4	...	46 1/4	...	+ 2 1/2
Santa Gertrudis...	10/6	...	8/9x	...	— /6
Lake View (4/-) ...	12/-	...	13/-	...	+ 1/-
Sungei Besi.......	11/-	...	12/-	...	+ 1/-
Mining Trust......	10/3	...	13/9	...	+ 3/6
OILS.					
Anglo - American	3 15/32	...	3 15/32	...	—
Anglo-Persian	3 11/16	...	3 23/32	...	+ 1/32
Apex (Trinidad)...	1 1/4	...	1 3/8	...	+ 1/8
Attock	1 5/32	...	1 3/16	...	+ 1/32
Burmah	3 3/4	...	3 25/32	...	+ 1/32
Royal Dutch	33	...	33	...	—
Shell	24	...	24	...	—
RUBBERS.					
Hong Kong	1 7/8	...	2 1/4	...	+ 3/8
Killinghall	1 15/16	...	2	...	+ 1/16
Java United	1 1/2	...	1 5/16	...	— 3/16
Anglo-Sumatra ...	2 1/8	...	2	...	— 1/8
TEAS.					
Cons. Tea & Lands	22 1/2	...	21 1/2	...	— 1
Imperial of India	1 7/8	...	1 19/32	...	— 9/32
Pabbojan	4 11/16	...	4 1/2	...	— 3/16
New Dimbula......	6 3/16	...	6	...	— 3/16

ANSWERS TO CORRESPONDENTS

EMBRAYAGE.—Dennis Brothers should be held.

A. S. (Stratford).—Prefer Nos. 1, 2, 3 and 5.

H. V.—Thanks. The matter is dealt with elsewhere.

A. R.—Suggest an exchange into Munich 6 per cent.

DAVID.—It would certainly be prudent to secure a moderate profit.

REGIS.—Would not sell Courtaulds with the idea of buying back cheaper.

CINEMA.—Would take advantage of the recovery to realise.

ANTIQUE.—Have a poor opinion of the concern and would sell.

N. L. S.—It would be a speculation. Prefer to keep London and North Eastern 1st Preference.

S. E. B.—If you choose a first-class society it would be suitable for part of your capital.

C. S.—There is a special reason for the liquidation in these shares, but it is not connected with the company's position. Hold and average.

M. S.—Prefer to keep all of the Courtaulds. A recovery to your figure within the year is quite possible.

M. C. D.—Shropshire and Worcestershire Electric Prefs. are a good holding. Dividends due March and September.

D. C. S.—(1) Better keep Millars Timber, but would not average till you see the report. (2) Position is obscure. Prefer to leave them alone.

HOVE.—The tin amalgamation will make for good in the end. Conditions necessitate a cutting down of capital and this, in effect, is being done.

J. E.—Rather than take the present price for Ebbw Vale Notes would prefer to wait and see what may result from the change in the chairmanship.

BEDS.—Reply which appeared on December 22 was "Cables and Wireless B can only be regarded as a speculation, but the A Ordinary as well as the Preference are worth buying for investment."

CLAYMORE.—Would regard any depreciation in Anglo-Persians and Burmahs due to political situation in India, as likely to be only temporary and would not part with holdings on that account

MATRON.—(1) No discoveries have been made on the Rezende for some time past. Retention of the shares would be a speculation on the chance of fresh ore being opened up. (2) Quite a gamble but might be held in the hope of some recovery

B. G. M.—Richard Johnston and Nephew 7 per cent. Preferences are quoted 16s. 3d.-17s. 6d. Would not sell these at the present prices. Prefer to realise No. 7 and buy Conversion 5 per cent stock. The other Industrial holdings are fair, and should not be sold at present prices.

BATH.—(1) Would not sell English Sewing Cottons. (2) and (3) Position unsatisfactory, but may improve now that credit is cheaper. (4) Should be held. (5) and (6) Cannot advise selling the Indian Railway stocks. (7) There is to be a conference in May to discuss the nitrate situation. Would risk holding rather than take present prices.

Owing to pressure on our space, we have had to hold over a large number of "Answers to Correspondents." These will be sent through the post.

MONEY MARKET.

BANK RATE HOPES REVIVED.

SATURDAY AFTERNOON.

In view of the fact that market discount quotations had fallen to fully 1 per cent. below Bank rate, the Money Market had been confidently anticipating a reduction in the official minimum during the past week, and the absence of any change naturally caused considerable disappointment.

With regard to the immediate future, optimism continues owing to the satisfactory progress which is being made by the Bank of England in restoring its gold reserve, and a reduction in Bank rate is probably merely deferred for a short time

The Continent continues to buy bills, but the demand at the moment is somewhat less pronounced. For three months' fine bank paper the buying rate of brokers is generally 4 1-16 per cent., while the new Treasury Bills are called 4 1-32 per cent.

Supplies of short money still remain plentiful, but there has been a substantial contraction in funds as the result of the liquidation of the loans borrowed by the market from the Bank of England in connection with the year-end pressure. Fresh funds covering the week-end were to-day procurable from 3¾ per cent. down to 3½ per cent., while renewals of old credit went on at the higher level.

More gold has arrived from South America and Australia, and the Bank, since Monday last, has received a net influx of £2,750,711. China continued to sell silver, and new low record prices have been established. Current quotations are, however, above the worst at 21⅛d. per ounce for cash, and 20¾d. for future shipment, against 20 15-16d. for both positions a week ago.

The outstanding feature in the foreign exchange market has been the demand for dollars, which forced the quotation for New York cable transfers down from 4.87¾ to 4.86 31-32 Irregular movements occurred in the principal Continental rates.

—	Method of quoting.	Par of exch.	Quotations. Jan. 11	Jan. 4
Paris, cheques...	Fr. to £...	124.21	123.89-.92	123.93-.95
Berlin	Mks. to £	20.43	20.39¼-.¾	20.43-.43½
Brussels,ch'ques	Belga to £	35.00	34.94-34.96	34.89½-.90½
Amst'rd'm,chqs.	Fl. to £...	12.107	12.09½-.¾	12.08⅜-.¾
Italy, sight	Lire to £	92.46	93.02-93.04	93.18-.20
Greece	Drch. to £	375	374¾-375¼	374¾-375¼
Madrid, sight ...	Pes. to £	25.22½	37.30-37.40	36.65-36.70
Lisbon, sight ...	Escudo ...	4.50½	108⅛-.⅜	108⅛-⅜
Switz'rl'nd,sight	Fr. to £...	25.22½	25.13¼-.¾	25.13-.13¼
Oslo ....sight	Kr. to £...	18.159	18.21-.21½	18.20½-.21
Stockholm,sight	Kr. to £...	18.159	18.14¼-.¾	18.13¾-.14¼
Copenhagen,s'gt	Kr. to £...	18.159	18.20-.20¼	18.20¼-.¾
Helsingfors	Mks. to £	193.23	193¾-194	193⅞-194⅛
Vienna	Sh. to £...	34.58½	34.62-34.65	34.61-.65
Alexandria,sight	Pstrs. to £	97½	97 7/16-97 9/16	97 7/16-97 9/16
Prague	Kr. to £...	24.02	164½-⅝	164⅝-⅞
Bucharest	Lei to £...	25.22½	817-820	817-818
Bombay, T.T. ...	Rupee......	18d.	1s. 5 27/32d.	1s. 5 27/32d.
Calcutta, T.T. ...	Rupee......	18d.	1s. 5 29/32d.	1s. 5 29/32d.
Hong Kong,T.T.	Dollar......	—	1s. 6½d.	1s. 7¾-8d.
Shanghai, T.T....	Tael.........	—	1s. 11¾d.	2s. 0¾d.
Singapore, T.T..	Dollar......	2s. 4d.	2s. 3 23/32d.	2s. 3 23/32d.
Kobe	Yen.........	24.58d.	2s. 0 7/32d.	2s. 0⅛d.
New York, cable	Dol. to £	4.86⅝	4.86 15/16-.87	4.87 23/32-25/32
Montreal, cable	Dol. to £	4.86⅝	4.91⅞-.92⅛	4.93-.93½
Rio de J., T.T....	Milreis ...	16d.	5⅝-5 21/32	5 11/32-5 13/32
Buenos A's, T.T.	Dollar......	47.58d.	45⅛-45 3/16	45⅜-45½
Valp'r'iso, 90d'ys	Pesos to £	40	39.83	39.80
Montevideo,T.T.	Dollar......	51d.	45½-46	45¾-46¼
Lima	£ to £P...	par	Nominal.	20⅛% prem.

RAND SELECTION.

LARGER PROFITS EARNED IN PAST YEAR.

The Rand Selection Corporation earned £274,040 net in the year ended September 30, 1929, comparing with £245,157 for 1927-28. Government and provincial taxation absorbs £38,571 18s. 6d. (against £18,654), dividends totalling 25 per cent. (against 15 per cent.) took £225,000, leaving to be carried forward £83,484, compared with £73,015 brought in.

The increase in the amount appropriated to meet Government and provincial taxation compared with last year is accounted for by the larger amount of provincial tax payable on account of the increased dividend, and also by a larger proportion of the company's profits having been earned in London, where the rate of tax is higher than South Africa.

Under existing arrangements with the Anglo-American Corporation of South Africa, Ltd., the company was afforded the opportunity of participating in the formation of the Rhodesian Anglo American, and in this connection shares held in mining companies in Northern Rhodesia were surrendered. The company's interests in this sphere are now represented by its holding in the new company.

Shares and interests now stand in the balance-sheet at £2,039,484, as against £1,301,845, while loans by the company have dropped from £431,229 to £186,903.

INCOME-TAX QUERIES.

H. H.—Tax is assessable on dividends on foreign shares on income which *arises*, and it makes no difference whether that income is remitted to this country or reinvested abroad.

H. R.—The calculation of rebate appears to be in order, and friend is undoubtedly liable to surtax. The calculation of this does not appear to be excessive, so far as can be judged from figures supplied.

DAD.—You can calculate tax by deducting £225 from income and taking 2s. in £ on £225 of remainder and 4s. in £ on rest. Anything suffered in excess will be refunded on application to Inspector of Taxes for district in which you reside.

ANNUITY.—All annuities are chargeable with income-tax, and there is obligation on payer of annuity to deduct tax and account for that tax to Revenue. No allowance is made in respect of that portion of annuity which may be said to represent return of capital.

SILENIS.—The allowances you are claiming are made by General Commissioners of Taxes, and you have right to appeal to them when you could appear personally before them and state reasons for claim. It is question of fact entirely and their decision is final. If you do not do this the assessment made is binding, and if you refuse payment a distraint can be levied on your goods or writ be issued.

LAMBETH.—You do not say whether any part of income is earned income, but if it is you are entitled to deduction of one-sixth. You are then entitled to allowance of £135 free of tax. The residue will be taxable at 2s. in the £. You have suffered deduction of 2s. 3d. from oil share dividend, and some refund is due in respect of this. There has been over-allowance of Dominion income-tax relief and this will be adjusted by Inspector of Taxes when computing refund.

HEREFORDIAN.—The same form of return and claim applies as heretofore. You must enter annuity on return stating exactly date when it began and whether tax is deducted. If tax is deducted you must supply voucher for deduction. You will be entitled to refund of full amount of tax deducted from income if it only amounts to sum stated. Presumably you are giving full year's earnings and part of annuity from date when it started up to April 5. Next year full year's annuity will come into calculation.

P. W.—Total income of husband and wife £450, husband's earnings, £100 wife's taxed dividends. Allowances due earned income relief £75, married allowance £225, tax payable on £225 at 2s in the £ and on £25 at 4s. in the £. The net tax payable would be divisible between husband and wife in proportion of 375 to 100. That is to say, earned income deduction would be taken from husband's earnings and £225 personal allowance granted proportionately to his remaining £375 and to wife's £100 dividends.

C. E. G.—(1) Tax is undoubtedly payable at 4s. in the £ on estate. (2) Whilst estate is in hands of administrators income from it forms part of income of impersonal trust, and no claim can be made for any personal allowances in connection with it. If, however, distribution of estate should take longer than twelve months, Revenue will recognise claims by beneficiaries in respect of that proportion of income of estate which has accrued after expiration of twelve months, and which can be shown to have formed part of beneficiaries' share of distributed estate.

W. E. D.—If you and two sisters jointly own house and are all exempt you have only to pay tax upon ground rent. The exemption limit is £135 in case of single person and £225 in case of married man, whose income has to be calculated as inclusive of income of wife. If mother was exempt but nevertheless has paid tax each year which she should not have paid, you, as executor, can make claim to repayment of overpaid tax for six back years. The inspector will require you to produce probate of will and receipts for taxes paid. If these receipts have been lost he will supply you with necessary application form upon which to obtain duplicate receipts.

P. K.—You do not say whether income is assessable under Sch. E or under Sch. D. If your income is from an employment it is assessable under Sch. E. The correct basis of assessment used to be actual income of year of assessment, but for 1928-29 and onwards this was changed to the income of year preceding the year of assessment. In order that hardships might be minimised any taxpayer had right on giving notice not later than June 30, 1929, to be assessed both for 1928-29 and for 1929-30 on actual income of each of those years, and to commence being assessed on income of preceding year in 1930-31. As, therefore, you did not see inspector about this matter until September, 1929, you were too late to exercise this option. If, however, it was separate source of your income which ceased, i.e., separate employment, you could, of course, claim relief in respect of this. The particulars given by you are not detailed enough to enable full advice to be given.

COMPANY MEETINGS.

BRITISH-AMERICAN TOBACCO CO.

SATISFACTORY YEAR'S WORKING.

INTERIM DIVIDEND FOR CURRENT YEAR.

The twenty-seventh annual general meeting of British-American Tobacco Co., Ltd., was held on Monday at the registered offices of the company, Westminster House, 7, Millbank, S.W. Sir Hugo Cunliffe-Owen, Bt. (the Chairman), presided.

The Chairman said: Taking the assets side of the balance-sheet first, the item of real estate and buildings at cost, less provision for amortisation of leaseholds, £701,473, shows an increase of £132,414 as compared with last year. This is accounted for by the purchase of some leasehold property and by additional factory buildings which have been erected and are in course of erection. Plant, machinery, furniture, and fittings at cost or under, £821,079, shows an increase of £43,832. This increase is made up of items of additional machinery required in your factories. Goodwill, trade marks, and patents remain at the same figure as last year, viz., £200,000, and, in view of the great value of the company's trade marks, the directors remain of the opinion that this item should appear on the balance-sheet, even if only at the nominal value of £200,000.

Investments at cost or under in (1) shares in subsidiary companies, £17,651,336, and (2) shares and bonds in associated companies, £4,067,058, making a total of £21,718,394, shows an increase over last year of £787,313, and is the largest item on the assets side. This increase is after the deduction from investments of the book value of the Tobacco Securities Trust Co., Ltd., shares which were distributed to the Ordinary shareholders in accordance with the extraordinary resolution of October 29, 1928, and is accounted for by the increase of your investments in subsidiary and associated companies and in the purchase of new businesses. The actual value of your proportion of the net tangible assets of these subsidiary and associated companies considerably exceeds the figure at which the investments are carried in the books of your company.

Loans to and current accounts with your (1) subsidiary companies (less provision for doubtful accounts), £3,303,896, and (2) associated companies (less provision for doubtful accounts), £3,528,391, show an increase of £1,397,883. This increase is due to expansion in the businesses of our subsidiary and associated companies. Investments in British Government securities and other investments, at cost or under, £47,509, show a decrease of £227,719 on September 30 last.

STOCKS OF LEAF.

Stocks of leaf manufactured goods, and materials at cost or under, now stand at £8,808,580, or an increase of £2,539,090. This is chiefly due to the increase in the purchase of leaf tobacco to meet increasing business.

Sundry debtors, less provision for doubtful debts, £2,429,735, shows a decrease of £1,922,840. This decrease is chiefly due to the short term deposits, £2,250,000, appearing under this heading last year having been absorbed in the development of our businesses. Cash at bankers, in transit, and at call, £1,172,188, shows a decrease of £1,584,633. This decrease is mainly accounted for by the increased requirement of our business, as previously mentioned, for stocks of leaf, etc.

Turning to the liabilities side of the balance-sheet, the issued capital of 4,500,000 Preference shares remains the same, but the issue of Ordinary shares is increased from 23,540,236 to 23,574,036, an addition of 33,800 shares. This is due to the issue of shares to certain directors under a resolution passed at a meeting held on June 21, 1926. The new 6 per Cent. Second Cumulative Preference shares were not issued during the year under review.

Creditors, i.e., subsidiary companies, £1,570,949; associated companies, £1,489,800, and other creditors, £4,672,378, making a total of £7,733,127, represents an increase of £2,008,761 on the figure at which it stood last year. The greater portion of these balances consists of provision for payment of taxation due to British, Dominion, and foreign Governments, and moneys deposited by your subsidiary and associated companies. The item of reserves for buildings and machinery now stands at £550,000, an increase of £25,000. Premium on Ordinary shares issued stands at £576,558, an increase of £16,900. This increase is due to the premium received on the shares issued to directors previously mentioned. Special reserve has increased from £1,921,511 to £1,924,014, an increase of £2,503

PROFIT AND LOSS ACCOUNT.

The accounts show a net profit for the year, after deducting all charges and expenses and providing for income-tax, of £6,357,772, a decrease of £205,787. Last year we carried forward a balance of £4,736,173, out of which we paid a final dividend of 1s. 8d. per share (free of income-tax), amounting to £1,961,686, which left us with a disposable balance of £2,774,486, from which is to be deducted £1,166,269, the book value of the shares of Tobacco Securities Trust Co., Ltd., distributed to you in accordance with the extraordinary resolution of October 29, 1928, leaving an amount of £1,608,217. To this must be added the profits for the year as previously mentioned, £6,357,772, less the Preference dividend of £225,000, and the four interim dividends paid on the Ordinary shares for the year, amounting to £3,927,714, leaving a disposable balance of £3,813,275, out of which the directors recommend the allocation of the sum of £100,000 to an Employees' Benevolent Fund and the distribution on January 17 of a final dividend (free of British income-tax) on the issued Ordinary shares of 1s. 8d. per share, amounting to £1,964,503, leaving £1,748,772 to be carried forward.

With regard to the decrease in the net profits, it is not caused by a shrinkage in the actual profits of your company or your company's subsidiary and allied companies. A substantial portion of your company's holdings in certain of those companies was sold to Tobacco Securities Trust Company.

In October, 1928, you approved of the distribution to the shareholders of one Ordinary share and one Deferred share in Tobacco Securities Trust Co., Ltd., for every eight Ordinary shares held by them, and, as you know, Tobacco Securities Trust Co., Ltd., paid a dividend of 16 per cent. (less income-tax) on its Ordinary shares and a dividend of 2.742d. (less income-tax) on its Deferred shares for the year ended October 31 last. Therefore, if it is your pleasure to agree to your directors' recommendation as to the final dividend, any shareholder who has retained his shares in Tobacco Securities Trust Co., Ltd., will have received dividends from the two companies which would be equivalent to a total dividend at the rate of 26.821 per cent., free of tax, on his holding as at October, 1928; or an increase of 1.821 per cent. over the previous year's dividend.

Results for the year under review in nearly all parts of the world were, I am glad to say, very satisfactory. This is greatly due to the good management and efficiency of the board, of directors of the subsidiary and associated companies, and the loyalty of their respective staffs. I am very pleased to be able to tell you that your business for the first three months of the current year continues to be satisfactory. I may also mention that the directors have declared for the year 1929-30 an interim dividend of 10d. per share, free of British income-tax, also payable on January 17, so that the shareholders will receive on that date 2s. 6d. per share.

Mr. J. D. Gilliam seconded the resolution, which was carried unanimously.

HOTELS
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AMERICAN COTTON

RECOVERY AFTER EARLY DECLINE.

BIG CONTROLLING AGENCY PLANNED.

EXCLUSIVE CABLE TO THE "SUNDAY TIMES."

NEW YORK, Saturday.

After a slight decline in the early dealings the market steadied and a sharp recovery of 15 points occurred under more active covering operations. These developed on reports from the head of the Farm Board that cotton growers are responding heartily to plans for a reduction in the acreage to be planted this spring, and also that a thirty-million dollar agency would be in working order next week

It is now planned to create a central agency to handle the cotton controlled by various co-operative subsidiaries, with the avowed intent of becoming an important price factor for the 1930 crop.

As present indications point to a smaller amount of contract cotton than a year ago the larger spot interests, combined with the co-operative agencies, control a sufficient quantity of cotton to become a sustaining price influence in the remainder of the season.

The week-end figures show that port and interior stocks are 600,000 bales over last year, while the amount in store and afloat for Europe is 500,000 bales less than a year ago.

NEW YORK, Saturday.

Cotton opened steady and 4 points to 1 point lower, and further eased on Liverpool cables. Later trade buying and covering with an absence of contracts brought about a sharp rally, and the market closed strong at 22 to 16 points gain. Spot steady at 15 points up.

Highest and lowest prices in the last thirty seconds of trading at New York:—Southern States delivery contracts: Jan., 17.29-17.29; Feb., 17.40-17.40; March, 17.51-17.49; April, 17.61-17.61; May, 17.75-17.73; June, 17.81-17.81; July, 17.90-17.89; Aug., 17.88-17.88; Sept., 17.88-17.88; Oct. 17.88-17.88; Nov., 17.93-17.93; Dec., 17.98-17.98. Middling Spot, 17.50.

Highest and Lowest Prices in the last minute of trading at New Orleans:—January 17.13-17.13, March 17.39-17.36. Middling Spot 17.24.—*Reuter.*

LIVERPOOL, Saturday.

American Futures opened rather better than expected on a little scattered buying and trade calling but with the demand falling away, prices at the close showed a fall of about 5 points on the day. Egyptians closed barely steady with values of Sakellaridis about 10 to 7 and of Upper 4 points down.

Closing futures:—American: Jan., 9.14; Feb., 9.14; March 9.20; April, 9.22; May, 9.29; June, 9.30; July, 9.34; Aug., 9.33; Sept., 9.33; Oct., 9.33; Nov., 9.33; Dec., 9.36; Jan., 9.35. Egyptian (Sakellaridis): Jan., 13.80; March, 13.93; May, 14.13; July, 14.32; Nov., 14.45; Jan., 14.60. Upper: Jan. 10.38; March 10.51; May, 10.70; July, 10.89; Nov., 11.01; Jan., 11.11.

There was a fair demand for spot American, though quotations are 8 points lower. Brazilians quiet with quotations 8 points down. Egyptians quiet. Sakellaridis quotations with exception of "Extra Fine" and Upper and Pilion all 10 points lower. East Indians reduced by 5 points.

Spot quotations:—American Middling 9.50 Brazilian, Pernam Maceio, etc., Fair, 9.15. Egyptian Sakellaridis, F.G.F., 14.55. East Indian M.G. Broach, Good, F.G. 7.05, Fine 7.30; Tinnevelley, FG.F. 8.35, Good 8.65; M.G Oomra Good 6.30, F.G. 6.60, Fine 6.90; M.G Bengal. Good 5.05, F.G. 5.30, Fine 5.55.—*Reuter.*

RUBBER PRICES DOWN.

COMMODITY NOW AT 7d. PER POUND.

Prices of rubber on the Mincing Lane market continued to droop yesterday, and spot closed at 7d. per lb., the lowest since 1922.

Compared with a week ago, spot is down ⅝d per lb., while all the forward positions show similar declines February is quoted at 7d., against 7 3-16d. on Friday, March at 7 1-16d., April-June 7¼d., July-September 7½d., and October-December at 7 13-16d.

NEW YORK, Saturday.

Rubber (outside).—Quiet but steady. First latex crepe spot, 15 buyers; smoked ribbed sheets spot, 14½ buyers, 14½ sellers; February-March, 14½ buyers; April-May-June, 14⅞ buyers, 15⅛ sellers.

On the Rubber Exchange of New York closing was firm, 10 points up to unchanged. January, 14.30; March 14.70; May, 15.10; July, 15.40; September, 15.90; October, 16.00. Sales, 236 lots.—*Reuter.*

PARIS BOURSE.

SHARP ADVANCE IN RIO TINTOS.

PARIS, Saturday.

Markets to-day were somewhat quiet and irregular, but the tendency on the whole was firm with some good features. On the Parquet, Rentes, Banks and Railway shares attracted chief attention among local issues, while Internationals were well supported, Rio Tintos showing outstanding strength, finally marking an advance of 185 francs to 5.915. Suez Canal shares finished 140 francs higher at 20.750.

On the Coulisse, Diamond shares received more support, De Beers Deferred rose 14 francs to 1.229, other Mining shares, however, generally ruled quiet. Rubber shares remained featureless. Oil shares showed irregularity. Russian Industrials were quiet but mostly firmer.—*Reuter.*

NEW YORK METALS.

NEW YORK, Saturday.

The following quotations are supplied by Messrs. C. S. Trench and Co.:—

Copper.—Steady. Lake, spot delivered consuming points in Middle West, 18.12½ asked; Electrolytic, spot delivered Connecticut Valley, 18.00 asked; Electrolytic, f.a.s. New York prompt delivery, 17.87½ asked; Electrolytic, f.a.s. New York 30-90 days, 17.87½ asked; Casting, f.o.b. New York Refinery, 17.00 asked.

Straits Tin.—Steady spot and February both unchanged. Spot, and Nearby New York, 39.25; Future Option, February, 39.50.

Lead.—Steady and unchanged. Spot, New York, 6.25; Spot, East St. Louis, 6.10.

Zinc.—Steady and unchanged. Spot, East St. Louis, 6.25.

Silver.—Bar, 45⅜.

Tin Plate.—Box. f.o.b. Pittsburg basis, 5.25.

Pig Iron.—Steady. Northern No. 2 Plain f.o.b. furnace Eastern Pennsylvania, 19.89; No. 2 Plain Buffalo. delivery Boston, 22.66 by rail.

The U.S. Copper Export Association quotes Copper C.I.F. Hamburg, 18.30.

On National Metal Exchange. Tin closed easy. February, 39.05 to 39.10; March, 39.25 to 39.30; May, 39.65.

Copper quiet. February 16.50 to 17.50; March, 16.40; May, 16.20.—*Reuter.*

REPORTS AND NOTICES.

KADUNA SYNDICATE.—Output of tin ore for December, 40½ tons.

KADUNA PROSPECTORS.—Output of tin ore for December, 24 tons.

NEDEEM TEA.—Crop for last season amounted to 6,706,400 lb., as compared with 5,917,256 lb. for the previous year.

COURTAULDS.—Mr. John Coldbrook Hanbury-Williams has been appointed a director of the company as from January 1, 1930.

MEXICAN EAGLE OIL.—Production for two weeks ended December 28 and January 4 was 308,000 barrels and 306,000 barrels respectively.

SERVICE PETROLEUM.—Production from company's wells at Gura-Ocnitzei and Ceptura for week ending January 5 was 1,105 tons (7,735 barrels).

ROYAL BANK OF CANADA.—Dividend of 3 per cent. declared for three months ending February 28, 1930, payable March 1 to holders of record January 31

AFRICAN AND EASTERN TRADE CORPORATION.—Payment will be made on February 10 of six months' dividend, less tax, to December 31, 1928, on 6 per cent. "B" Preference shares. A general meeting will be held in Liverpool on January 24.

LUIPAARD'S VLEI ESTATE.—Cable advice has been received that installation of new haulage at main shaft has been completed and that two-stage hoisting is now in operation (This completes reconstruction of main shaft between 16th and 17th horizons, and will permit gradual increase of the tonnage sent to the treatment plant.)

ABBEY ROAD BUILDING SOCIETY.—Directors announce that past twelve months have been most successful period in society's history. Share capital has increased by £5,400,000, deposits by £575,000, and membership by 35,000. Repayment of mortgages produced over £2,500,000. Total of £8,500,000 was advanced during year on selected first mortgages. Liquid assets, which include the reserve funds, amount to over £1,000,000. Special bonus of ½ per cent. is to be continued, and will be paid to holders of fully paid shares on June 30 and December 31, 1930

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WALL STREET WEAK.

SUPPORT WITHDRAWN.

POOR RESPONSE TO LATE OFFERS.

NEW YORK, Saturday.

Stocks commenced easy, with opening trading colourless and price movements irregularly lower. A flurry of buying early lifted up several rails 1 to 2 points, but most of these gains were wiped out later. Most other groups gradually lost ground as buying support was withdrawn, and offerings found a thin market.

A brisk demand for American Telephone and Telegraph Debenture issue, which will be publicly offered Monday, and is already selling at a premium, apparently indicated that investment funds are being diverted from the stock to the bond market.

Coppers declined moderately in anticipation of the publication of unfavourable trade statistics next week, while Motors were sluggish on persistent reports that the spring demand will be disappointing.

Air Reduction, American Can, American Waterworks, Anaconda Copper, Auburn Auto, Cerro de Pasco, Columbia Carbon, Commercial Investment Trust, Granby Consolidated, Hudson Motors, International Business Machines, Mathieson Alkali, National Biscuit, North American, Otis Elevator, Standard Gas, Industrial Alcohol, U.S. Steel, and Westinghouse Electric declined 1 to 4 points.

Atchison, Topeka, and Santa Fé shares and Canadian Pacific advanced ¾, Chicago and North-Western Ordinary and Wabash Preferred "A" ½, Missouri, Kansas, and Texas ⅞, Southern Railway shares 1.

The market closed easy. Government Bonds quiet. Railroad Bonds quiet. The day's sales totalled 874,000 shares. Money on call nominal. Sterling exchange steady. Silver ⅞c. up at 45⅜.—*Reuter.*

CURB ERRATIC.

HEAVY UNDERTONE IN UTILITIES.

FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT.

NEW YORK, Saturday.

On the Curb Market prices sagged throughout in one of the dullest sessions of the week, and price movements generally were within a fractional range. Bear pressure was in evidence during the first hour, but subsequent covering offset most of the earlier losses.

Utilities and investment issues developed a distinctly heavy undertone, which, however, did not encourage extensive selling. Sales totalled 337,000 shares.

American Gas and Electric lost 1¼, Duke Power 2, Electric Bond and Share 1⅜, Humble Oil 1⅝, and Newmont Mining 1.

Small gains were recorded by Consolidated Gas of Baltimore, Imperial Oil of Canada, and Swift International.

Among the foreign securities Rio Tinto lost 10 to 205. Hydro-Electric gained 2 and Rubber Trust 1½.

Eng. Equiv.	Stocks.	Closing bid. Sat.	Fri.
292 9/16	Aluminium America	285	285
119 3/8	American Gas and Electric	117 1/4	118 1/2
236 1/8	American Light and Traction	230	230
25 1/16	Am. Super Pow. Pfd. "B"	25 1/8	25 5/8
42 5/8	Associated Gas and Electric A.	41 1/2	41 1/2
39 1/2	Brazilian Traction Light & Power	38 3/4	38 3/4
48 3/4	British American Oil (Coupon)	47 1/2	46 1/2
33 7/8	Celanese Corp. of Amer. Com.	33	33 1/8
30 1/16	Cities Service	29 7/8	29 3/4
102 13/16	Cons. Gas L. & P. of Baltimore	100 1/4	99 1/2
6 7/16	Creole Oil	6 1/4	6 1/4
164 5/16	Duke Power	160	162
84 11/16	Electric Bond and Share	82 1/2	83 7/8
18 1/8	Electric Shareholding Common	17 5/8	18
42 1/8	Ford (Canada) New Voting 'B'	41	45
5 1/8	Fox Theatre "A"	5	4 7/8
4	General Baking Common	3 7/8	3 7/8
9 3/4	General Realty & Utilities Company	9 1/2	9 1/2
74 1/16	Do. Prefd.	73	73
142 3/4	Gulf Oil of Penna	139	140
85 3/4	Humble Oil	83 1/2	85 1/8
28	Imperial Oil of Canada (New Stock)	27 1/4	26 5/8
21 13/16	International Petroleum	21 3/8	21 5/8
80 1/16	Lehmann Corporation	78	78 1/2
26 1/2	Middle West Utilities (New)	26 1/4	26 5/8
116 1/16	Newmont Mining	113	114
13 1/2	Niagara Hudson Power Corporation	13 1/8	13
—	North East Power	—	—
13 5/8	Penn Road Corporation	13 1/4	13 3/8
34 1/2	People's Light and Power "A"	34	34
20 9/16	Petroleum Corporation of America	20	20
19	Silica Gel. Corporation	18 1/2	18 1/2
71 7/8	South East Power	70	70
54 5/16	Standard Oil of Indiana	52 7/8	52 3/4
35 1/2	Swift International	35	34 1/2
55 7/16	Universal Insurance	54	54
96	Vacuum Oil	93 1/2	94 3/4
	FOREIGN SECURITIES.		
17 7/16	Anglo-American Oil Cts. of Dp.	17	17
8 3/8	Anglo-Persian Ord*	8	8
6 11/16	Associated Electrical Industries	6 1/2	6 3/8
5 5/8	Assoc. Port. Cement Mfg. Ord. Regd.*	5 1/2	5 1/2
—	British Aluminium Ord. Regd.	—	—
28 1/4	Brit. Amer. Tobacco Ord. (Bearer)*	27 1/2	27 1/2
4 3/8	British Celanese Ord.*	4 1/4	4 1/4
8 3/4	British South Africa Co.*	8 1/2	8 1/2
3 7/16	Burma Corporation	3 3/8	3 3/8
—	Burmah Oil Ord. Regd.*	—	—
5 3/4	Bwana M'Kubwa	5 5/8	5 5/8
1 15/16	Cables and Wireless "B"*§	1 7/8	1 7/8
41 7/16	Carreras "A" Ord.*	40	40
6 3/16	Do. "B" Ord.*	6	6
15 3/8	J. and P. Coats Ord. Regd.*	15	15
13 5/8	Courtaulds Ord.*	13 1/4	13 1/4
2 9/16	Dunlop Rubber Ord.*	2 1/2	2 1/2
2 9/16	Fairey Aviation	2 1/2	2 1/2
11 1/16	Ford (of England) £1 shares (fy.p.)	10 3/4	—
11 3/16	General Elect. Ord.*	11 1/4	11 3/4
23 1/4	Gramophone Ord.*	22 5/8	22 5/8
42 1/8	Hydro-Electric	41	39
6 13/16	Imp. Chemical Indust. Ord.*	6 3/4	6 3/4
24 3/4	Imp. Tobacco Gt. Britain Ord.*	24 1/8	24 1/8
—	Johnson and Phillips Ord.*	—	5
7 13/16	London Tin Synd. Ord. Regd.	7 5/8	7 5/8
8 1/2	Malacca Rubber	8 1/4	7
3 7/8	Marconi Canada†	3 3/4	3 3/4
—	Marconi Marine Ord.*	—	11 1/8
—	Margarine Union Ord.*	—	—
210 7/16	Rio Tinto Ord.	205	215
30 5/8	Roan Antelope‡	29 1/2	30
9 3/4	Rubber Trust	9 1/2	8
1	Spanish & Gen. Corp. Ord. Reg. & B'r.*	1	1
6 1/2	Triplex Glass Ord.*	6 3/4	6 3/8
29	United Molasses	28 1/4	29 3/8

* American Depository Receipt. † Warrants for Shares Sold. ‡ Warrants of Four Shares. § £1 units.

PRODUCE MARKETS.

CHICAGO, Saturday.

Wheat opened steady, but ⅜c. to ¼c. lower on reports stating that the severe cold weather did no important damage. Later the market rallied on a statement by a member of the Farm Board denying predictions of a possibility of 900,000,000 bushels yield this year. Close was firm at 1c. to 1⅜c. advance. March, 126⅝ to 126¾; May, 130⅜ to 130½, July. 131½ to 131⅝.

Lard.—Prime Western Steam, Spot, 10.25; January, 10.25; February, unquoted; March, 10.40; May, 10.60.

NEW YORK, Saturday.

Coffee opened easy and 13 to 2 points down. Trading was quiet but irregular. Partial rally ensued on trade buying and covering, the market closing steady with Rio futures 7 to 4 points lower, and Santos options 15 points down to unchanged. Spots firm with Rio No. 7 9-16c. and Santos No. 4 ½c. higher. Rio No. 7 10 7-16; Santos No. 4, 15; Futures Basis Rio No. 7: Jan. 8.50, March 8.45, May 8.02, July 7.96, Sept. 7.91, Dec. 7.84. Futures Basis Santos No. 4: Jan. 13.60, March 13.10, May 12.10, July 11.67, Sept. 11.45. Dec. 11.20.

Cocoa.—Spot, 9¼. Futures steady at 2 to 4 points rise. Jan. 9.10, March 9.47, May 9.80, July 10.03, Sept. 10.27.

Sugar.—Futures eased under liquidation by recent buyers, particularly in near positions, while there was some selling in later deliveries by European houses. Closing was barely steady at 3 to 2 points loss. Spot steady and unchanged. 96 Test Centrifugal Cuban 3.77, Jan. 1.85, March 1.93, May 1.98, July 2.03, Sept. 2.10, Oct. 2.12, Dec. 2.15, Jan. 2.15.

Wheat.—Spots firm and 1c. to 1¾c higher. No. 2 Amber Durum Spot 132¼, No. 2 Northern Manitoba Spot 149, No. 2 Hard Winter Spot 133½, No. 2 Red Winter Spot 140½.

Flour steady. Spring clears 100 per cent., 5.75 to 6.25.

Petroleum steady. Standard White in cases, 17.65; in barrels, 14.25. Philadelphia, 14.25. Mid-Continent, crude, 33 to 33.9; Baume, 1.30. Pennsylvania crude, 2.70 to 3.05.

WINNIPEG WHEAT.

WINNIPEG, Saturday.

Wheat opened easy and ⅛c. to 1⅛c. lower, and further receded owing to weak cables, and also on advices that German millers must mix 50 per cent. of native wheat in all preparations until February 10. Later, reports that Russian exports had been greatly exaggerated, together with covering and buying by Chicago houses started a rally, and the market closed firm at 1⅛c. to 1c. rise. May, 139⅝; July, 141; October, 136¼.—*Reuter.*

"SUNDAY TIMES" NEW YORK CLOSING PRICES.

RAILROADS.

Eng. equiv.	Stocks.	Closing bid. Sat.	Fri.	Eng. equiv.	Stocks.	Closing bid. Sat.	Fri.	Eng. equiv.	Stocks.	Closing bid. Sat.	Fri.
229 7/16	Atchison	223 1/2	222 3/4	131 15/16	Illinois Central	128 1/2	129	87 1/4	Norfolk & W. Pf.	85	85
105 5/8	Do. Pref.	102 7/8	102 7/8	—	Int. R. C. Am.	—	29 1/4	88 5/16	Northern Pacific	86	86 1/4
169 7/16	Atlantic C. L.	165	165	80 1/16	Kans. City S.	78	78	76 1/4	Pennsylvania	74 1/4	74 1/4
120 1/8	Baltimore & O.	117	117 1/4	75 3/16	Lehigh Valley	73 1/4	73 1/4	145 13/16	P. Marquette	142	142
82 1/8	Do. Pref.	80	80	138 5/8	Louisvl. & Nash.	135	135 1/2	125 1/4	Reading	122	124 1/4
199 3/16	Canadian Pac.	194	193 1/4	3 1/16	Mex. Nat. 1st Pf.	3a	3c	47 1/4	Do. 1st Prf.	46	46
284 3/8	Central N.J.	277	275	1	Do. 2nd Pref.	1b	1d	110 7/8	S. Louis S. Fran.	108	109 1/2
210 5/16	Ches. & Ohio	205 1/2	207	55 3/16	Missri. K. & Tex.	53 3/4	52 7/8	62 5/8	St. Louis S.W.	61	61
14 7/8	Chic. G. West	14 1/2	14 1/2	107 1/16	Do. Pref.	104 1/4	104 3/4	10 1/8	Sea. Air Line	9 7/8	10
40 5/16	Do. Prfd.	39 1/4	39 1/2	91 3/8	Missouri Pacific	89	89	123 1/4	Southern Pacific	120	120
24 7/8	Chic. Mil. St. P.	24 1/4	24 3/4	139 1/8	Do. Pref.	135 1/2	135	137 5/8	Southern Rly.	134	133
44 1/4	Do. Pref.	43 1/8	44	30 13/16	Minn. St. Paul	30	30	100 5/8	Do. Pref.	98	98
87	Chicago N.W.	84 3/4	84 1/4	59 9/16	Do. Pref.	58	55	120 3/8	Texas & Pacific	117 1/4	117
118 1/16	Chic. Rock Is.	115	116	172 1/2	N.Y. Central	168	167 3/4	222 3/4	Union Pacific	217	217 1/2
168 3/8	Delaware & H.	164	164	133 1/2	N.Y. Chic. St. L.	130	131 1/2	84 11/16	Do. Pref.	82 1/2	82 1/2
141 3/16	Delaware Lack.	137 1/2	137 1/2	111 15/16	Do. Pref.	109	109 1/2	55 15/16	Wabash New	54 1/2	55
58 1/2	Erie	57	57 1/4	113 7/16	N.Y. N. H. & Hrt.	110 1/2	111 1/4	87 13/16	Do. Pref. A.	85 1/2	85
+3	Do. 1st Pf.	61 3/8	61 3/8	14 1/2	N.Y. Ont. & W.	14 1/8	14				
98 9/16	Gt. Nthn. Pf.	96	97 3/4	231 1/2	Norfolk & West	225 1/2	227	205 5/8d	Silver	45 3/8	44 1/2

a Bid, 3 1/2 asked. *b* Bid, 1 1/4 asked. *c* Bid, 3 1/2 asked. *d* Bid, 1 1/8 asked.

INDUSTRIALS.

Eng. equiv.	Stocks.	Sat.	Fri.	Eng. equiv.	Stocks.	Sat.	Fri.	Eng. equiv.	Stocks.	Sat.	Fri.
29 1/4	Abitibi P. and P.	28 1/2	28	13 1/2	Cuba Co.	13 1/8	12 3/4	53 1/4	May Dpt. Strs.	51 7/8	52 1/2
26 5/16	Adams Express	25 5/8	25 3/4	7 13/16	Cub. Am. Sug.	7 5/8	7 5/8	47 1/4	Montg. Ward	46	46 1/8
130 7/16	Air Reduction	127	127 1/2	3/4	Cub. Cane Sug.	3/4	3/4	54 11/16	Nash Motors	53 1/4	54
25 15/16	Alleghany Corp.	25 1/4	24 7/8	1 15/16	Do. Pref.	1 7/8	1 1/2	187 7/8	Natl. Biscuit	183	183 1/2
266 13/16	Allied C. and Dye	260	263	—	Curtiss Aero.	—	—	77	Natl. Cash Reg.	75	74 3/4
52 3/8	Allis-Chalmers	51	51 1/2	31 1/16	Davison Chem.	30 1/4	30	47 3/4	Natl. Dairy	46 1/2	46 3/4
7 7/16	Am. Agri. Chem.	7 1/4	7	25 7/16	Debenh'm Secs.	24 3/4	24 3/4	42 3/16	National Lead	138 1/2	140
43 3/8	Am. Bosch. Mg.	42 1/4	42	80 5/8	Drug Incorptd.	78 1/2	79	30 9/16	Nevada Cns. C.	29 3/4	30 3/8
125	Am. Can.	121 3/4	123	41 13/16	Dunhill Intntl.	40 3/4	38 1/2	292 9/16	Otis Elevator	285	291
38 3/4	Am. Internat.	37 3/4	38 1/8	117 1/16	Du Pont Nms.	114	114	16 7/16	Packard Motors	16	16 1/8
106 5/8	Am. Loco.	102 7/8	101	182 3/4	Eastman Kodak	178	179	52 3/8	P. Famous Lasky	51	51 1/2
32 5/16	Am. Radiator & Stand. San. Co.	31 1/2	31 3/8	72 3/8	Elec. Stor. Bat.	70 1/2	71 3/4	25 11/16	Park & Tilford	25	25 1/4
88 5/16	Am. Rolling Mills	86	88	40 13/16	Equit. Bdg. Cm	39 3/4	39 3/4	28 3/4	Penick & Ford	28	28 3/4
75 7/8	Am. Smelt. & R.	73 7/8	74 5/8	21 3/16	Fox Film "A"	20 5/8	20 1/8	42 5/8	Phelps Dodge	41 1/2	41 1/2
49 5/16	Am. Steel Fs.	48	48	51 7/16	Gen. Asphalt	50 1/8	50 1/4	86 3/4	Pullman Co.	84 1/2	86 1/4
63 1/8	Am. Sugar Ref.	61 1/2	61 1/4	50 1/2	Gen. Electric	244	245 1/2	29 1/4	Remington Tpe.	28 1/2	29
205 5/16	Am. Tobacco "B"	200	201	49 9/16	Gen. Foods Cor.	48 1/4	48 3/4	77 1/4	Republic I. & S.	75 1/4	77 1/2
11 7/16	Am. Woollen	11 1/8	11 3/8	40 1/16	Gen. Motors	39	39 3/8	50 9/16	Reynold Tob. B.	49 1/4	49 1/8
12 1/16	Am. Zinc	11 3/4	11 1/8	73 15/16	Gen. Refractors	72	72 1/2	51 5/16	St. Joseph Ld.	50	50
15 3/8	Anaconda	74 3/4	76 3/8x	104 1/4	Gillette Razor	101 1/2	102 3/4	89 1/16	Sears-Robk.	86 3/4	87
82 1/8	Armour Del. Pref.	80	80	44 11/16	Goodrich B. F.	43 1/2	45	35 15/16	Sloss-Shef. Stl.	35	35
31 1/16	Assoc. Dry Goods	30 1/4	30 1/2	9 3/4	Graham-Paige	9 1/2	9 3/4	27 7/8	Stan. Brands	27 1/8	27 1/4
77 1/4	Atlantic Gulf	75 1/4	75 1/2	21 13/16	Gt. N. Ore Cts.	21 1/4	21	44 15/16	Studebaker Cn.	43 3/4	43 3/4
33 5/8	*Baldwin Loco.	32 3/4	33	32 7/8	Gt. W. Sugar	32	32 1/2	58 15/16	Tex. Gf. Sul.	57 3/8	57 3/4
98 13/16	Bethlem. Steel	96 1/4	96 1/2	56 3/8	Hudson Motors	55 1/4	56 5/8	2 15/16	Tobacco Prods	2 7/8	2 7/8
15 3/8	Briggs Mfg.	15	15 5/8	159 1/8	Ingersoll Rand	155	157	81 5/8	Union Carbide	79 1/2	79 1/2
31 11/16	Calumet and H.	30 7/8	31 1/2	30	Inspiration Cp.	29 1/4	29 1/2	50 7/16	United Aircraft	49 1/8	49 3/4
64 11/16	Cerro de Pasco	63	63 1/2	6 1/16	Int. Combustion	5 7/8	5 7/8	33 1/8	United Corp.	32 1/4	2 1/2
59 9/16	Chile Copper	58	53 5/8	82 1/8	Int. Harvester	80	80 1/2	106 1/4	United Fruit	105 1/2	103 1/2
82 1/8	Christie Brown	80	80	71 3/8	Int. Match Pref.	69 1/2	68 3/4	134 1/2	U.S. In. Alcohol	131	133 3/8
36 3/16	Chrysler Motor	35 1/4	35 3/8	29 3/4	Int. M. Marine	29	29 3/4	-	U.S. Leather	—	9 5/8
41 9/16	Color. Fuel and I.	40 1/2	41 3/4	36 1/16	Intern. Nickel	35 1/8	35 1/8	22 5/16	U.S. Pipe	21 3/4	21 5/8
179 7/16	Columbia Carb.	174 3/4	176	28 1/4	Intern. Paper 'A'	27 1/2	27 1/4	63 1/8	U.S. Realty Im.	61 1/2	62 1/2
29 7/8	Columbia Graph.	29 1/8	29 3/4	4 1/4	Kelly-Spring T.	4 1/8	4 1/8	25 11/16	U.S. Rubber	25	25 1/2
47 1/4	Congress Cigar	46	46	60 5/16	Kennecott Cop.	58 3/4	60	34 15/16	U.S. Smelting	34	34 1/2
57 1/2	Consolid. Cigar	56	56 1/2	8 3/4	Kresge D. St'res	8 1/2	8 1/2	174 3/16	U.S. Steel	169 5/8	171 1/2
45 3/16	Cont. Bakng. A.	44	43 1/2	34 3/8	Kresge S.S.	33 1/2	33 3/4	145 11/16	Do. Pref.	141 7/8	141 7/8
5 7/8	Do. B.	5 3/4	5 3/4	27 3/16	Kreuger & Toll	26 1/2	†26 1/8	43 3/4	Utah Copper	213	213
91 3/8	Do. Pref.	89	89 1/2	101 1/8	Lambert Co.	98 1/2	97 1/2	53 3/8	Vanadium Cpn.	52	52 1/2
54 3/16	Cont. Can	52 3/4	53 1/8	97 9/16	Liggett Myers	95	95 1/2	149 1/8	Westinghouse	145 1/4	146
14 1/8	Congoleum	13 3/4	13 3/4	39 1/2	Lima Loco	38 1/2	38 1/2	8 3/16	Willys Overld.	8	8 1/4
93 7/16	Corn Prod. Rf.	91	91 1/2	48	Loew's Incor.	46 3/4	46 3/8	69 1/16	Woolworth	67 1/4	67 1/2
92 15/16	Crucible Steel	90 1/2	90	54 7/16	Loose-W. Bsct.	53	53 3/4	72 7/8	Worthn. Pump.	71	71 1/2
				73 15/16	Mack Trucks	72	71 1/2	110 7/8	Y'ungstn Sheet	108	110

† Sale.

PUBLIC UTILITIES.

Eng. equiv.	Stocks.	Sat.	Fri.	Eng. equiv.	Stocks.	Sat.	Fri.	Eng. equiv.	Stocks.	Sat.	Fri.
97	Am. & For. Power	94 1/2	94 5/8	53 3/8	Elec. P. and L.	52	52 1/2x	231	Philadel. Com.	225	224
83 3/16	Am. Pow. & L'ht.	81	81 3/4	41 11/16	Engin'rs P. Serv.	40 5/8	40 3/4	87 1/4	Pub. Serv. N.J.	85	86
224 5/16	Am. Tel. and Tlg.	218 1/2	219 1/8	24 1/2	Int. Rapid Trns.	23 7/8	24 1/2	42 5/8	Radio Corpn.	41 1/2	41 3/4
96 1/8	Am. Water Wks.	93 5/8	95	74 15/16	Int. Tel. Teleg.	73	73 3/4	118 1/16	Standard Gas	115	115 3/4
78 5/16	Columbia Gas	76 1/4	77	34 3/8	Nat. Pow. & Light	33 1/2	33 1/2	34 15/16	United Gas Imp.	34	33 7/8
125 3/16	Comwlth. Power	122	129 1/2	98 9/16	North Am. Co.	96	96 1/4	32 5/16	Utilities P. & L.	31 1/2	31 7/8
14 3/8	Comwlth. Sthn.	14	14 1/8	54 15/16	Pacific G. & El.	53 1/2	54	210 15/16	W. Union Tlg.	205 1/2	207
104 1/8	Con. Gas (N.Y.)	101 3/8	101 3/4	225 7/8	Peoples Gas	220	—				

OILS.

Eng. equiv.	Stocks.	Sat.	Fri.	Eng. equiv.	Stocks.	Sat.	Fri.	Eng. equiv.	Stocks.	Sat.	Fri.
38 1/8	Associated	37 1/8	37 1/4	1 1/8	Pacific	1 1/8	1 1/8	62 1/8	Stnd. Calif. (new)	60 1/2	60 1/2
39 13/16	Atlantic Refin.	38 3/8	36 3/8	59 11/16	Pan Amer. B	58 1/8	58 1/2	66 3/4	Do. N.J.	65	64 3/4
24 1/4	Barnsdall Crp.	23 5/8	23 1/4	34 3/4	Phillips Pet.	33 7/8	33 7/8	33 5/8	Do. N.Y.	32 3/4	32 3/4
28 3/4	California Pet.	28	28	24 1/2	Pure Oil	23 7/8	23 7/8	56 5/8	Texas Corpn.	55 1/8	55 3/8
23	Cont. Oil of Del.	22 3/8	22 1/2	55 11/16	Royal Dutch	54 1/4	54 1/4	13 3/16	Tidewater	12 7/8	12 5/8
22 1/16	Lago	21 1/2	21 3/4	48	Shell	46 3/4	46 3/4	9 1/4	Transcontinental	9	9 1/8
27 3/16	Mid-Cont. Pet.	26 1/2	26 1/4	23 5/8	Shell Union	23	23 1/8	46 3/16	Union Oil Calif.	45	45 1/4
				24 3/8	Sinclair	23 3/4	23 5/8		† Sale.		

BONDS—GOVERNMENT, ETC.

Eng. equiv.	Stocks.	Sat.	Fri.	Eng. equiv.	Stocks.	Sat.	Fri.	Eng. equiv.	Stocks.	Sat.	Fri.
—	U.S. 3 3/4% T. Bds.	—	104 13/32	102 15/16	Canada 5% 1931	100 1/4	100 1/4	97 13/16	Italian 7% 1951	95 1/4	96 1/4
14 7/32	U.S. 4 1/4% T. Bds.	111 7/32	111 1/4	103 11/16	Chile 7% 1942	101	101	106 13/16	Japan 6 1/2% 1954	104	104
02 1/16	Lib. Ln. 3 1/2 '32-47	99 7/16	99 7/16	112 15/16	Czech 8% 1951	110	109 1/2	104 5/8	N.Y. City 4 1/2% '57	101 7/8	101 7/8
.03 5/16	Do. 4 1/4% '32-47	100 5/8	100 11/16	—	Dutch E.I. 6% 1962	—	102 1/2	106 1/4	Norway 6% 1952	103 1/2	104 1/2
03 25/32	Do. 4 1/4% '33-38	101 3/32	101 3/32	—	Do. 5 1/2% 1953	—	102 1/4	79 1/16	Poland 6% 1940	77	77
100 3/8	Argen. 6% 1959	97 3/4	97 1/4	95 1/2	Finland 6% 1945	93	92 1/2	—	Do. 8% 1950	—	95
:5 1/4	Austl. 5% 1957	92 3/4	93 1/4	116 1/16	French 7% 1949	113	112 7/8	95 3/4	R. do Sul. 8% 1946	93 1/4	94
.07 13/16	Austria 7% 1943	105	104 1/2	122 3/16	Do. 7 1/2% 1941	119	118 3/4	95 1/2	S. Paulo 8% 1950	93	93
104 1/8	Belgian 6% 1955	101 3/8	101 3/4	109 5/8	German 7% 1949	106 3/4	107	110 5/8	Seine 7% 1942	107 3/4	107 3/4
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BROADCASTING.

TO-DAY'S PROGRAMMES.

The Bach Church Cantata this afternoon will again be relayed from the Guildhall School of Music. The evening service at St. Martin-in-the-Fields will be broadcast.

LONDON (2LO: 356.3 metres) and DAVENTRY (5XX: 1,554.4 metres).

During alternative programme tests between 2.0 p.m. and 2.50 p.m., London Programme will be broadcast on 261.3 metres.

10.30 a.m.: (Daventry) Time and Weather. **2.0-2.50:** Special Programme. **3.0-3.30:** Church Cantata (No. 172), Bach, "Erschallet, Ihr Lieder" ("O Praise Him with Singing"), with Isobel Baillie (soprano); Doris Owens (contralto); Frank Titterton (tenor); Stuart Robertson (bass); Wireless Chorus, Wireless Orchestra; relayed from Guildhall School of Music. **3.45:** Bible Reading: "Paul's Letters"—5, Romans ch. 9 v. 19 to ch. 10 v. 21. **4.0:** Children's Service. **4.30-6.15:** Wireless Orchestra; Dora Labbette (soprano); Hubert Eisdell (tenor). **7.55:** Service from St. Martin-in-the-Fields. Address by the Rev. Pat McCormick. **8.45-8.50:** (Daventry) Organ Voluntary from St. Martin-in-the-Fields. **8.45:** (London) Appeal for the Golden Square Throat, Nose and Ear Hospital, by Miss Gracie Fields. **8.50:** Weather and News. **9.5:** Albert Sandler and Park Lane Hotel Orchestra; Olive Groves (soprano), relayed from Park Lane Hotel. **10.30:** Epilogue. **10.40-11.0:** (Daventry) Silent Fellowship, from Cardiff.

DAVENTRY (5GB EXPERIMENTAL: 479.2 metres).

4.30: City of Birmingham Police Band; P.C. Cook (cornet); Michael Dore (violin). **5.45-6.15:** Religion in the Light of Psychology, 2—As a Little Child, How Children See It, by Dr. E. S. Waterhouse. **8.0-8.45:** (London) Appeal for the Birmingham Union of Girls' Clubs, by Major Waters. **8.50:** Weather and News. **9.0:** Birmingham Studio Chorus and Augmented Orchestra; Stiles Allen (soprano); Astra Desmond (contralto); Eric Greene (tenor); Howard Fry (bass). **10.30:** Epilogue

MANCHESTER (2ZY: 376.4 metres).

3.0: London. **4.30-6.15:** Baxendale's (Manchester) Works' Band; H. Lathrope (solo euphonium); Clitheroe Wesley Male Voice Choir; Leonard Hirsch (violin). **7.55:** London. **8.45:** Appeal for the Salford Nursery School by Mr. A. H. Burgess. **8.50:** London. **9.0:** North Regional News. **9.5:** Northern Wireless Orchestra; Lee Thistlethwaite (baritone). **10.30:** Epilogue.

NEWCASTLE (5NO: 288.5 metres), LIVERPOOL (6LV: 288.5 metres), LEEDS-BRADFORD (2LS: 200 and 288.5 metres), SHEFFIELD (6FL: 288.5 metres), HULL (6KH: 288.5 metres), STOKE-ON-TRENT (6ST: 288.5 metres).

3.0-6.15: London. **7.55:** London. **8.45:** Manchester **8.50:** London. **9.0:** Manchester. **9.5:** London. **10.30:** Epilogue.

CARDIFF (5WA: 309.9 metres).

3.0: London. **4.30-6.15:** Swansea. **7.55:** London. **8.45:** Appeal for the Cardiff and District Animal Rescue League by Mr. Peter Freeman. **8.50:** London. **9.0:** West Regional News. **9.5:** National Orchestra of Wales. Harold Williams (baritone); Rhondda Ladies' Choir. **10.0:** London. **10.30:** Epilogue. **10.40-11.0:** Silent Fellowship.

SWANSEA (5XX: 288.5 metres).

3.0: London. **4.30:** Programme of Compositions and Arrangements by Haydn Morris. Olwen Young (soprano), Olwen Lloyd (contralto), Morgan Lloyd (violin), Uriel Rees (tenor), Brinley Llewellyn (baritone); the Composer at the Pianoforte. **5.45:** Pennillion Recital by Gunstone Jones, accompanied on the harp by Nan Davies. **6.5-6.15:** T. D. Jones (pianoforte) **7.55-8.45:** London. **8.50:** London. **9.0:** Cardiff. **9.5:** London. **10.30:** Epilogue. **10-40-11.0:** Cardiff.

BELFAST (2BE: 242.3 metres).

BOURNEMOUTH (6BM: 288.5 metres).

PLYMOUTH (5PY: 288.5 metres).

3.0-6.15: London. **7.55-8.45:** London. **8.50:** London. **9.0:** Local News. **9.5:** London. **10.30:** Epilogue

GLASGOW (5SC: 398.9 metres).

ABERDEEN (2BD: 301.5 metres).

3.0-6.15: London. **7.55:** London. **8.45:** Edinburgh. **8.50:** London. **9.0:** Scottish News. **9.5:** London. **10.30:** Epilogue.

DUNDEE (2DE: 288.5 metres).

EDINBURGH (2EH: 288.5 metres).

3.0-6.15: London. **7.55:** London. **8.45:** Toc H Appeal for the Scottish Extension Fund, by the Earl of Home. **8.50:** London. **9.0:** Glasgow. **9.5:** London. **10.30:** Epilogue.

FOREIGN FEATURES.

BARCELONA (Call, EAJ1) (349 metres, 8 kw.).—8.15: "Fanfarenklänge" (Fucik). "Ritmos de España, No. 2" (Raurich). Nocturne, "A Night in the Oasis" (Bosch Humet). "Minuetto del gallo" (Albéniz). Oriental Caravan (Delmas).

BERLIN (1,635 metres, 26 kw.).—8.0: Chamber Music. Quartet, Op. 76, No. 2 (Haydn). Suite for String Quartet (Wiener). Quartet, Op. 18, No. 4 (Beethoven).

BERNE (403 metres, 1.5 kw.).—7.0: "A Waltz Dream"—Operetta (O. Straus).

BRUSSELS (508.5 metres, 1 kw.).—6.0: Flute Recital by Walter Godaert. **8.0:** Chamber Music "Novelettes" (Glazounoff), Quartet (Milhaud). Songs. Quartet (Beethoven). Songs. **9.15:** Dance Music.

DUBLIN (Call, 2RN) (413 metres, 1 kw.).—Programme Relayed from Cork (Call 6CK) (225 metres, 1 kw.).—**8.32:** Vocal and Instrumental Concert.

LEIPZIG (259 metres, 3 kw.).—6.30: "La Tosca"—Opera (Puccini), Relayed from Dresden (219 metres).

MADRID (Call, EAJ7) (424 metres, 3 kw.).—2.0: Selections from "La Tosca" (Puccini), "Los de Aragón" (Serrano), "Lohengrin" (Wagner); Recitation; Song; Funeral March (Grieg); Puerta de Tierra (Albéniz). **7.0:** Dance Music.

PARIS (Call, FL) (1,445 metres, 12 kw.). —4.30: Pasdeloup Concert. **7.20:** Le Journal Parlé. **7.45:** Gramophone Concert.

PARIS (Call, CFR), (1,725 metres, 12 kw.).—7.30: Radio-Paris Guignol. In the interval, "Les jacasseries de Polichinelle." **8.0:** Concert

PRAGUE (487 metres, 5 kw.).—6.0: Brass Band Concert. **8.0:** Concert of English Music.

ROME (Call, 1 RO) (441 metres, 3 kw.). —4.0: Concert. Religious March from "Alcestis" (Gluck); Gavotte (Bazzini); Soprano and Baritone Solos; Overture, "Tutti in Maschera" (Pedrotti); Dance Music. **8.2:** Concert of Italian Music.

STOCKHOLM (Call, SASA) (436 metres, 1.5 kw.) and MOTALA (1,345 metres, 30 kw.).—3.15: "Romeo and Juliet." **8.40:** Dance Music.

STUTTGART (360 metres, 3 kw.).—7.30: "Outward Bound"—Play (Sutton Vane). **9.0:** Orchestral Concert from Works of Dutch Composers.

VIENNA (516.3 metres, 15 kw.).—5.20: Concert from the Works of Austrian Composers. **7.15:** "Furstenliebe"—Operetta (Leo Fall), followed by Phototelegraphy Transmission.

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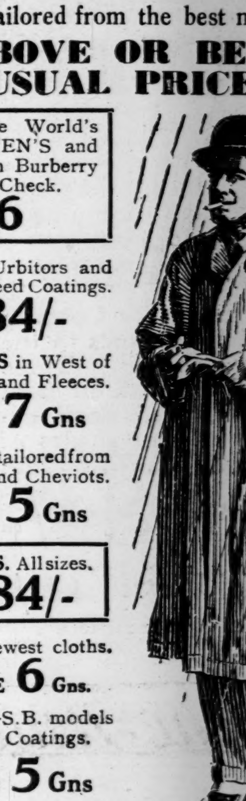

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THE DRAMATIC WORLD.

A FEAST OF ACTING.

By JAMES AGATE.

Vaudeville. Tuesday, January 7.

"FRENCH LEAVE."

Revival of the Farce by Reginald Berkeley.

Frightful dissensions are rife about Mr. Laughton's assumption of General Root in this jolly revival. But surely dissension can only have come about through confusing the thing attempted with the success or non-success of the attempt. Mr. Laughton has been blamed not because his performance fails to evoke salvoes of laughter—his success in this respect is freely admitted—but because it does not keep to the received truth concerning Brigadiers. It has been said that his General is too preposterous a figure of fun to be a creditable portrait. But what about caricature, where not credibility but preposterousness is the test? When Gilbert writes of:—

Captain Reece,
Commanding of *The Mantelpiece*—

it would be foolish to complain that *The Mantelpiece* is not a likely name for a battleship. *Pace* rationalist objectors, Mr. Laughton's Brigadier is a creation of pure joy. How Gilbert would have doted on this monarch of the humours, twin-brother to his own King Borria Bungalee Boo, whose sigh was a hullaballoo. Here is the spirit which informed Dickens's Colonel Wugsby. Does the reader pretend that there is no such person? The pretence is vain; when Dickens drew Mrs. Colonel Wugsby he also drew her Commander-in-Chief.

The point about Mr. Laughton's performance is that it *is* a performance, meaning a piece of deliberate acting and not the normal, hand-in-glove, round-peg-in-round-hole miracle of coincidence. Does a part require a smooth, thin, inarticulate young man? Your manager bethinks him of one such. Is a beetle-browed, black-avised fellow called for? Your manager played golf with him yesterday. It would have been the easiest thing in the world to ring up some actor who specialises in choleric clubsters since he is one himself, and invite him to put civilian testiness into military uniform. But felicities of this order have no more to do with acting than changing the labels on bottles has to do with the wine. Consider, after the manner of an older school of criticism, the physical material with which he must build up this character. The actor is young. His figure is podgy and devoid of any approach to military bearing. His features are dumpling: you might liken them to a broad champaign of flat, moonstruck rather than moonlit country. All this makes an admirable actor's mask just because, like Coquelin's mask, in repose it means nothing. It is only your strictly fashionable player who has a set of strictly recognisable features. I am alluding not to tragic actors where the noble cast brings all emotions and personalities within its own compass, but to the comic actors who live and express themselves on the individualities of other men. Nearly all great comic actors are alike, because all their countenances are alike in that they resemble lumps of clay waiting for the modeller, or ground cleared for the builder. The image varies, but the fact remains.

A Lesson from History.

Mark, too, one feature which every great comedian has had—the long upper lip. This was enormous in the case of Coquelin, and is to be remarked in the portraits of such actors as Shuter, Foote, and Toole. To-day Mr. Seymour Hicks, Mr. Frank Cellier, and Mr. Laughton all possess what the French call "the comedian's lip." But good character-acting must be more than the use of a good mask supplemented by the arts of penciller and wig-maker. It requires more even than mere control of the facial muscles, that "code of symbols waiting for the executant purpose to combine and recombine them into rich and curious significances." Executive purpose for what? The answer is: Intense apprehension of, and joy in, the character to be presented.

Then, again, good character-acting, like good art-work of any kind, must not only carry the artist's signature, but must bear the impress of his mind. It was said of a popular musical-comedy actress that before essaying the rôle of Cleopatra she made herself "personally acquainted with" all the mummies in the British Museum. I understand that Mr. Laughton, when he took up his present rôle, went to look again at the Orpen portraits in the Imperial War Museum, with the result that his Brigadier is a reproduction in caricature of all that Sir William Orpen made us see in the more serious medium. It follows, too, that the caricature is not mean. The extravagance is high-spirited, gross, and palpable; it is the kind of joke which Mr. Boythorn would have roared at you across his dinner-table.

Good Work Throughout.

Indeed, this revival is rich in good acting. Mr. Emlyn Williams gives a performance of a French interpreter which to those who have known any French interpreters is a miraculously happy portrait. Mr. Charles Groves repeats his fastidiously accurate presentation of a corporal of the old Army. These three performances make a great feast of acting in three styles, since three fine artists are here seen expressing themselves respectively in flamboyant caricature, the sensitive art of the portraitist, and the meticulous business of photography. If the play were a comedy a remark might be made here. But it is farce, and farce is a mill to which all grist that is good is good grist. Miss Madeleine Carroll and Mr. James Raglan are a little disinclined to sink themselves sufficiently in the play's hurly-burly. Both give good performances, but should remember that the play is not theirs. Mr. Edward Scott-Gatty pleases as a Subaltern, new style. Perhaps the loudest laughter of the evening was that which greeted the absurd colloquy between the entirely uncomprehending General and the totally voluble French hag. The beldam was played by an actress whom I may not mention, for a similar reason to that which deprived us of Mr. Max Beerbohm's views upon his brother's acting. It is a hard thing that critical etiquette should have grounds so relative as this.

THE PALLADIUM.

Thursday, January 9.

No music-hall, however transmogrified, could offer a better all-talking, all-singing, all-dancing programme than that presented last week at this theatre. Hardly any side of music-hall art was forgotten. There may be better jugglers than M. Gaston Palmer, but I do not want to see them, though if there are masters of more amusing patter I should like to hear them. This admirable Frenchman was succeeded by Mme. Odali Careno, a capital singer, who delighted us first with something operatic sung in an ungatherable language, next with Gounod's "Sérénade," sung in French, and last with one of those beloved simplicities entitled "Whereas," "Inasmuch," or other part of sentimental speech, and sung in a lighting half heliotrope and half moss-green.

After the diva had desisted, Mr. Jack Hylton, in his most curly headed vein, ushered in his famous band. Mr. Hylton's organisation is presently to tour Spain and Austria, returning by way of Sweden. This is so like a jazz band, and one would say frankly that there are others which could be better spared. The normal jazz band, which is the Caliban of music, is content if it fills this isle with noises; Mr. Hilton's players are to be congratulated that they bring into play the second half of the quotation. The selections chosen last week certainly gave delight and hurt the ear not at all.

The programme also contained Miss Gwen Farrar and Mr. Billy Mayerl. Miss Farrar is becoming more *recueillie* than ever. Some would call it grumpiness, but whatever the quality its increase causes utmost havoc in the general heart. With the aid of a 'cello she makes a little music go a long way, while Mr. Mayerl demonstrates that if not very much can be done with one piano, still less can be achieved with two. A pleasant entertainment, however, in which Mr. Mayerl's left hand hardly knows what his right hand is doing. Mr. Fid Gordon showed us the number of ways in which a violin may not be played; Mr. Gillie Potter kept the wolf of *ennui* from the high-brow door; and the Two Heltanos did some feats of head-balancing which must be among the minor wonders of the world.

Last week I wrote a line about an impersonator of broken-down failure, a comedian of exquisite melancholy, Mr. Horace Kenney, whose face is like a play by Tchehov written in indelible pencil. Its acutely miserable owner now appears between each act and contributes the beginnings of a turn. He proposes to show us a lightning card trick or a whirlwind clog-dance, or break his own record set up at Chorlton-cum-Hardy for doing a grand circle on the trapeze. Alas! that each turn is so dud that the management must perforce "black-out" Mr. Kenney! But not before you have seen on his face such a look as Kean must have worn when, in his acrobat's dress, he sat by the bed of his dying child. As I suspect Mr. Kenney to be off the stage a hearty, bouncing young fellow, I take this presentation of tragic woe to be a brilliant feat of acting.

Arts. Tuesday Afternoon, January 7.

"THE HUMOURS OF THE COURT."

A Comedy. By Robert Bridges.

In a Note to this play, which was first published thirty-seven years ago, its distinguished author says:—"'The Humours of the Court' is founded on two Spanish comedies, which, when I read the , appeared to me to be variations of the same story. These are Calderon's 'El Secreto á Voces' and Lope's 'El Perro del Hortelano'; the latter already used by Molière. My play owes its plot to Calderon, and to Lope the first scene of its third act, which is the opening scene of 'El Perro del Hortelano.' But since in that play the secretary is actually detected in what, in my play, he is only falsely suspected of, and yet, in spite of this, is married by Lope to the Countess, it may be judged that Lope's play is something farcical. I believe this is a full statement of my indebtedness, for where I have borrowed incident I have not, that I remember, translated."

The attempt to recapture the grace and spirit of a past age has fascinated many youthful minds working in many arts, and the titles of the plays which Dr. Bridges wrote so long ago suggest that he did not make any serious effort to resist the common lure. Strauss is never happier than when he is imitating Mozart, and Dr. Bridges must have many delicious memories of the time when he was sewing new pearls on to the stuff of old plots. For the Poet Laureate will perhaps permit us to say that he is something which not all Poet Laureates have been—that is, a poet. Poetry is not a garment to be put on or off; it is part of the texture of a man's mind, and this play shows it.

Admirers of Miss Edith Evans will not need to be told of the art and contrivance which she brings to such material, and of the delicate raillery with which she compensates us for the absence of more direct emotion. To see her in such a piece is to walk in a garden with a lady less lively than Beatrice and less lorn than Olivia.

FILM NOTES.

HANDS!

By SYDNEY W. CARROLL.

Hundreds and hundreds of hands, and nothing but hands. Hands with long fingers, hands with short fingers, elegant, exquisitely manicured, tapering fingers; squat, spatulate, warty, and cumbrous fingers; fingers that shape and twist themselves into every conceivable attitude. Fingers that seem to be going through interminable deaf and dumb alphabets. Fingers that menace or cajole. Fingers that glide, contort, and twist like so many dancers in the ballet. Fingers and hands that pass through all the choreographic convolutions conceivable only to a man suffering from a nightmare of hands. Luring hands—clutching hands. All going to make up a new sort of moving nature picture described as "a study in the habits of male and female hands."

This moving picture, entitled "Les Mains," was shown as one of the items on the Film Society's thirty-fifth programme at the Tivoli last Sunday. It originated from the brain of Stella F. Simon, an American resident in Paris, and was first produced in 1929. I suppose it has its purpose and uses, though really I cannot discover them. It seemed to me merely a repulsive and abnormal series of hand-wavings against futuristic or cubist backgrounds. I remember watching a much more interesting moving picture that dealt solely with feet. This latter told a real story which it was possible to follow simply by the movements of the characters' feet.

A far more interesting and amusing picture in the same programme was "Assault and Battery," a burlesque police-court story imported from Germany. In this a denizen of the Berlin Underworld picks up in the street a counterfeit Reichs mark. This proves a source of perpetual ill-luck to its finder, even when it appears that with its aid he has succeeded in winning a pile of notes. For the fortune he acquires through it causes him to be followed and bludgeoned after a series of other adventures of the most alarming kind.

The main item of the programme proved to be a Russian picture, "New Babylon." This is a film made by two young men, G. Kozintsev and L. Trauberg, last year to mark the anniversary of the Paris Commune. Extravagantly conceived and executed, with over-emphasis on the Communistic propaganda side, the Moscow school of cinematography is shown in its most modern and advanced form. The acting at times assumes a burlesque and exaggerated character, not without its picturesque side. The mass scenes are admirably directed, and the photography, as is customary in all these modern Russian pictures, of the very finest quality. The creative vitality underlying the whole work is almost volcanic in its energy.

Devil's Island as a subject was bound to appeal sooner or later not only to the screen director but to all frequenters of cinemas. In staging Ronald Colman and Louis Wolheim as the principal actors in "Condemned," a screen play by Sidney Howard suggested by the sensational novel "Condemned to Devil's Island," Mr. Samuel Goldwyn has certainly played a trump card. However much we may scoff at the many improbabilities of a story which links up in a romantic narrative the fortunes of an habitual thief condemned to exile on Devil's Island and the wife of the warden of that terrible prison, we cannot help being thrilled to the marrow by all the many and varied excitements devised for our entertainment. Ronald Colman makes, I think, the biggest screen success he has so far attained. His voice comes out in this talkie with a softness and an engaging whimsical sweetness truly fascinating to listen to. He acts with a sincerity worthy of a better cause, and is well supported by Ann Harding, who made a success in "The Trial of Mary Dugan," and by Louis Wolheim, who can always be depended upon to carry off the part of the very ugly man with a heart of gold. I found myself strangely attracted by the atmosphere of the narrative, though incredulous of its principal incidents.

Quite the most delightful attraction of most cinemas at the present time is the famous series of Walt Disney Mickey Mouse and Silly Symphony sound cartoons. An uproariously funny example is given in the same programme with "Condemned." It is called "The Haunted House." Never was any house so horribly haunted before. Mickey the Mouse finds himself magnetically drawn through portals which automatically close upon him. A padlock springs up from nowhere and fastens itself with clamped iron bars to prevent his egress. Skeletons and spooks in cowls, bats and spiders galore spring up from everywhere and terrorise poor Mickey into playing a haunted harmonium.

It is quite clear to me after watching and listening to Harold Lloyd in the Carlton triumph "Welcome Danger" that the "talkies" will prove to be a superior medium for slapstick and knockabout farce to the legitimate stage. I have never seen in an ordinary theatre a more comical and truly diverting crook farce than this "talkie" production.

THEATRES.

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PALACE. Gerrard 6834. Evgs., at 8.15. Mats., Wed., Sat., 2.30. HERBERT CLAYTON and JACK WALLER present DEAR LOVE. A New Musical Comedy. TOM BURKE. Claude Hulbert. Vera Pearce. ANNIE CROFT. Ena Grossmith, Robert Nainby, Kate Cutler. SYDNEY HOWARD.

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THE WORLD OF MUSIC.

THOUGHTS ON THE PRESENT DISCONTENTS

By ERNEST NEWMAN.

VI.

The twentieth century "revolution" is running true to form, so to speak; history is repeating itself just in the way that might be expected of so conventionally-minded a muse. Mr. Fox-Strangways is quite correct in saying, in the article from which I have already quoted, that we must each of us make our own account with the "new system," "for there is no going back. Works will continue to be written in classical tonality, just as through the seventeenth century works continued to be written in ecclesiastical polyphony; but they will have, as those had, no future." The two cases, as I have already pointed out, are not precisely on all fours, inasmuch as the "new system" of the seventeenth century was eagerly welcomed by the musical world in general, for it answered to something for which all had been longing and for which the plain man was fully ready, while the "new system" of to-day is received with suspicion, if not actual hostility, by the plain musical man, the inference being that it does not, in its present form at any rate, answer to anything that is yearning for expression in the general musical consciousness, but is rather the creation of a few musicians who work by theory rather than by impulse and instinct. But taking the broad view Mr. Fox-Strangways is no doubt right. The language and the forms of 1600 to 1900 having seemingly exhausted their resources, the works that may still be written in that language and those forms must lack vitality.

THE NEXT PHASE.

The future, however, if the past can be taken as a guide, is not with the language and the forms of the last couple of decades. It is not the pioneers who will enter the Promised Land; and those who ultimately do will owe their success to their having effected a compromise with the art of the past. The next phase that is due is one in which some man or other of genius has an intuition of the necessity of some such compromise. The geniuses are always less inclined to speculation than the talents. It is probable that to the historian of a couple of centuries hence Schönberg and his followers will appear to be the eager semi-amateurs that Caccini and Peri are to us: the new Monteverdi will reach both far in advance of them and back over their heads.

Moreover, nothing very striking or durable will be achieved until the new language and the new forms have become flexible enough, and sufficiently a matter of instinct rather than of reflection, for genius to express itself through them without too much taking of thought as to means. It must be obvious to everyone that as yet the new language is not one that permits of the free and clearly-defined expression of artistic personality. Even the usual distinctions of racial culture and tradition are lost in it; not only is the atonal music of A very like that of B, but it is very much the same whether it happens to be written by a German, a Frenchman, a Russian or a Pole. The atonal composers, generally speaking, sound much alike for the same reason that Peri and Caccini do: the language is not yet plastic enough. The form not yet vital enough, for a personality out of the common to use it freely for the purpose of self-expression—even were such a personality anywhere visible at the moment.

WIND BLOWS WHERE IT LISTS.

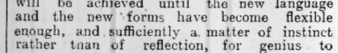
Nor will the music of the future any more correspond to that envisaged by the present theorists than the music of the later seventeenth century and the eighteenth did to that of the early seventeenth. Not only did the early opera take a direction utterly unforeseen by the Florentine Camerata, but a new art, of which they had no inkling whatever, sprang into being—the art of organic instrumental forms, an art that not only profited by the new ideas of symmetry brought into being by the development of the aria but actually reached back in the fullness of time, to that very polyphony that the Florentines hoped and believed they had banished. We can hardly doubt that within the next fifty years or so the "new system" also will settle down into patterns of which the too self-conscious reformers of to-day have no conception.

For there are forces always at work that are stronger than the individual. The great historian Ambros, discussing the revolution of 1600 and its results, says truly and profoundly that the Spirit of Music knew what it wanted and in the process of time achieved it, taking over only so much of the new methods as would serve its purpose. It is impossible for a handful of speculative theorists to force the hand, so to speak, of the Spirit of Music. Things will happen at their due time and not before, and in a form that is the outcome of all the forces at work not merely in the consciousness of individuals but in the soul of history. The story of the whole-tone scale will serve to point this moral.

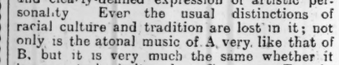
THE WHOLE-TONE SCALE.

The whole-tone scale suggested itself as a new possibility to composers long before Debussy set himself to the systematic exploitation of it. Glinka had used it in the overture to "Russlan and Ludmila." Some time later it evidently attracted the attention of a Russian composer of the name of Baron Vietinghoff, who wrote under the pseudonym of Boris Schell. An overture of his came into the hands of Liszt, who wrote thus to a correspondent concerning it:

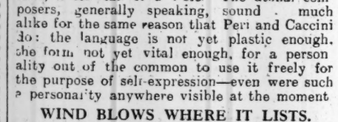
> Give him (i.e., Vietinghoff) this little scale of chords. . . . It is nothing but a very simple development of the scale, *terrifying* for all the long and protruding ears—



> that M. de Vietinghoff employs in the final presto of his overture. Tausig makes a pretty fair use of it in his "Geisterschiff"; and in classes in the Conservatoire, in which the high art of the *mad dog* is duly taught, the existing elementary exercises of the piano method—



> which are of a sonorousness as disagreeable as they are incomplete, ought to be replaced by this one—



> which will thus form the unique basis of the method of harmony—all the other chords, in use or not, being unable to be employed except by the *arbitrary* curtailment of such and such an interval. In fact, it will soon be necessary to complete the system by the admission of quarter and half-quarter tones until something better turns up!

DEBUSSY'S EXPERIMENT.

This was in 1860; evidently the theoretic possibilities of the whole-tone scale were already engaging the attention of thoughtful musicians. But no composer of the first rank attempted to exploit these possibilities. The time was not yet ripe; the ordinary scale sufficed for all practical purposes, and it would only have been a needless embarrassment then to try to incorporate an alien element with it. It was not till about a generation later that Debussy experimented systematically with the new theoretic scale. He in turn found that its possibilities, consistently with a free use of the scale that was still the main instrument of musical thought, were rather limited; and as time went on, the whole-tone system became more and more, in the hands not only of Debussy but of others, less a new scale than a new harmony. (Not so very new, however, for Chopin had used it as a harmony about half a century before.) Manifestly it was impossible to force upon the Spirit of Music, in the name of theory, something that it had only a limited use for in practice. It was willing to extend the resources of harmony by this new conception, but it stubbornly refused to abandon the historic tonality for it.

The whole-tone scale, with its abolition of the old dominant-tonic relationship and its division of the ordinary scale into six equal full-tone intervals (with sundry other relations of sectional equality upon which I cannot enlarge now) was obviously the father of the atonal twelve-tone scale, in which all the old distinctions between tonic, dominant and so on are completely abolished. And the question prompts itself, Will the twelve-tone scale be any more successful than the whole-tone scale was in its attempt to oust the scale that for so many centuries has been the very root of humanity's musical thinking? If the modest half-revolution of Debussy failed, is there any hope of success for a revolution that aims at a complete reversal of previous practice? Is it not a priori more probable that the Spirit of Music will once more take, with imperturbable blandness, just so much of the new system as it can comfortably incorporate into its own tissues and reject the rest, or at least postpone tackling it until it is in a better condition for the full digestion of it?

NEW FORM-PRINCIPLES.

The future course of things it would be vain to try to forecast in detail. It is abundantly evident already, however, that the manipulation of the atonal system is much easier in the abstract than in the concrete. An essay like the now historic one of Erwin Stein on "New Form-Principles" is flawless as a piece of constructive speculation; the only trouble is that these new principles have not yet resulted in a single work that can satisfy the æsthetic desires of musical humanity in general. Surely a compromise will have to be established sooner or later between the over-eager demands of the new theory and the stubborn *j'y suis, j'y reste* of the old practice? Some such compromise, indeed, seems to be already in the air. It will be a relief to everyone when the main terms of it have become matters of general agreement, so that composers will once more have at their disposal a language in which they can *think* without having, as at present, to keep thinking every moment of the mechanism of their thought. No poet can make vital poetry in a language that is not so natural, so instinctive within him that he has no need to consume half his energy in thinking out the vocabulary and the grammar of it as he goes along; no architect can construct a beautiful and durable building if he is perpetually preoccupied with the problems of a material whose inner laws he only half understands.

THE WEEK'S MUSIC.

LONDON OPERA FESTIVAL.

Of the arts that are fused together to produce the compound known as opera it will probably be conceded that music is the most important element, as fixing the character of that product. Accordingly, it is praiseworthy in the musical directors that Mr. Robert Stuart has attached for his London Opera Festival, at the New Scala Theatre, that they have viewed their tasks of reconstruction and rearrangement of the antique scores selected with single-minded vision, and have maintained a high level of efficiency in their performance. In the orchestral playing there has been little to cavil at. That there should have been wide inequalities among the singers was inevitable. But at the very least it stands to the credit of the undertaking that it has enabled us, during the past week, to form a very good idea of the quality of Handel's "Julius Cæsar" and Mozart's "La Finta Giardiniera," two operas utterly unknown to Londoners.

"Julius Cæsar."

Mr. Gervase Hughes stood musical sponsor to "Julius Cæsar," played for the first time for two centuries (it dates from 1724) on Monday. His task was formidable. He had to select two and a-half hours' worth from a score computed to play five and a-half (such were the appetites of our forefathers). And he had to grapple with the fact that "the parts of Cæsar, Ptolemy and Sextus were originally played by male sopranos." Why, having transposed these to the normal manly range, he held his hand in the single case of Nirenus, leaving this part to be sung male-alto-wise, with results frankly ludicrous, is a puzzle. But it brings one to discussion of the very knotty problem set before to-day's would-be producer of the opera.

There is ample internal evidence that Handel took a heroic view of his subject-matter, rising to it with the infallibility of genius. Recall, only, the fine overture, with its solid, slow introduction, followed by a spirited fugue; the air, "The Fairest Woodland Flower," for romance; Cæsar's song, "By Flashing of Weapons," for martial ardour. There is none that he entertained, at any juncture, a light mind. He was, I take it, devoutly blind to what we of to-day see—even some of his own day saw—as ludicrous in the conventions by which he worked. There is no getting away from these pompous fatuities: they are bound up with the very fibre of the piece. Conventions have changed. Very well, then. Is the attempt to be made to carry them off with serious mien? Mr. Robert Stuart, who had prepared a fresh translation of Nicola Haym's text, and his producer, Mr. Norman Marshall, decided otherwise. They met the imp of burlesque more than half-way. And I am not sure that they did not choose the lesser of two evils.

Among the singers, honours go to Mr. Arthur Fear, in the name-part, and to Mr. Sumner Austin, as Ptolemy. Miss Dennie Parker's sense of comedy was, in the circumstances, an asset in her Cornelia, but her notes seemed strangely pale in colour. Miss Gwyneth Edwards had not the voice or demeanour of a queen proper to Cleopatra.

"La Finta Giardiniera."

With "La Finta Giardiniera," the equally unknown "opera buffa" by the 19-year-old Mozart, of just over fifty years later, a new world of opera was entered on Tuesday. Granted that it is a work of extraordinary maturity, the form shows an advance in almost every direction. There are still absurdities in the book (are they ever to be completely absent from opera libretti?), but the complications between three pairs of "crossed" lovers do arise plausibly, and are cleverly exploited dramatically. And (as I suppose, almost for the first time) wit does find a definite place in the music, along with the reflections of other human attributes which are gathered with a master hand and woven into the texture.

A proper professional crispness pervaded this production; for once the curtain went up within a minute or two of "time," and the intervals were not excessive. Mr. Robert Stuart's translation was to the point, and there was not a hitch in the staging, for which Mr. Nugent Monck, director of the Maddermarket Theatre, Norwich, was responsible, in the large sense that the forces of that theatre undertook the very artistic scenery and dresses.

For Mr. Leslie Heward's work as arranger of the score, conductor, and harpsichordist, there can be nothing but praise: the performance was rooted in rhythm and nurtured in a fine discretion. The singers were Misses Noel Eadie, Doris Lemon, Marjorie Parry, Winifred Comstock and Messrs. Edward Lieer, William Michael and Henry Wendon, who was, I venture to think, miscast. All had their moments, and I finally ascribed perplexing variations in their audibility to the presence of an unusually low top curtain to the stage (forming part of the mount, as it were, to the stage picture).

The Hallé Orchestra.

Sir Hamilton Harty began the fourth of his symphony concerts at Queen's Hall on Friday with the overture "King Lear," which, being authentic Berlioz, realistically read, was necessarily graphic. Such fare, wholesome enough, is bound to come rough upon the tongue. Beside this study of greatness in the last phase of dissolution was set Beethoven's full-length portrait, the "Heroic Symphony," to celebrate the memory of a great man." Its momentous lines and structure were tellingly indicated, but their delineation had so little that was mechanical as to be suggestive, rather, of freehand treatment; and for once, the Hallé Orchestra had one or two lapses from their high standard of craftsmanship. In the Concerto—Tchaikovsky's first, for piano, in B flat minor—still freer rein was given to emotional impulses as to the orchestral part, while we had the curious contrast presented by Mr. Benno Moiseiwitsch in dealing out the notes of the solo part with glittering, calculated impartiality. Finally, at an hour when most London concert-goers are well on

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ITALIAN ART.

TOO-EASY CRITICISM.

THE ETHICS OF ATTRIBUTING.

By FRANK RUTTER.

If this exhibition of Italian Art at Burlington House does nothing else, it should explode the too-easy critical theory—enunciated in "Fanny's First Play"—"If it's by a good author, it's a good play, naturally." No old master has been more persistently lauded to the skies by eminent critics than Titian. No great master is represented in this exhibition by so many bad—well, let us say, very indifferent paintings. The old trick of getting out of the difficulty by saying the picture-you-have-to-admit-is-bad is not by Titian will not work.

Take for example his "Giacomo Pesaro, Bishop of Paphos, presented to St. Peter by Pope Alexander VI." (158). Nobody can deny that this signed work is by Titian. We know all about it, that it was painted in 1503 to commemorate Pesaro's victory over the Turks at Santa Maura (August, 1502); that it was in the collection of Charles I. and afterward in that of William I. of Holland. But nobody can maintain this to be a first-class painting.

"LA BELLA."

Again take his so-called "La Bella" (167), which all critics of eminence agree is a Titian. Will anybody declare this to be a really first-rate portrait? There is a fine passage of blue in the colour, but the form is flabby and the hands are pulp. Mr. Fry lets him off lightly when he says, "Titian was a terribly professional painter." We know that he had his inspired moments—in the National Gallery we have his "Noli me Tangere" to prove it, not to mention his "Charles V." in the Prado—but Titian's inspired moments were comparatively rare, and at his worst his work is little short of despicable for one so capable.

To enjoy the Venetian painting at Burlington House we must not dally too long with the Titians. We must go forward to Tintoretto and Tiepolo—the last magnificently represented—or back to the two perfect Giorgiones, "The Tempest" (156) and the Budapest portrait (No. 155), to the Giovanni Bellinis, above all the adorable No. 279, to the exquisite Cima, the little "Silenus" (289) from Philadelphia which with its lovely cool pale colour anticipates the silvery tone of El Greco's "St. Mauritius," to the miraculously brilliant little "Virgin and Child" (201) lent by Mr. Julius Bache of New York, which is far and away the best Crivelli in the exhibition—perhaps in the world.

RAPHAEL.

To return to Gallery III., let us consider now the Raphaels. The Doni portraits (Nos. 159, 161) are masterpieces of the first rank, particularly the man; the little "Esterhazy Madonna" (195) on the screen is also a gem, though the carmines seem to have faded out of the infant St. John. But that very famous "La Donna Velata" (160) is surely not more than third-rate. The dress and the sitter are out of relation. There is little searching for form in the head and hands of the first, but an insistence on detail in the second, which destroys the unity of the picture. I have seen better portraits by James Sant. Perhaps it is not by Raphael, though Morelli and Venturi have said that it is, and it is included in that Bible of dealers the "Klassiker der Kunst." The point is not really important. We all enjoy having our little pot-shots and ticklish attributions are great fun so long as we don't take them—or ourselves—too seriously. But it is another matter altogether to fail to distinguish between good and bad paintings. That, indeed, is serious. Hence we are left hoping and praying that a permanent result of this great exhibition will be the realisation of collectors. European as well as American, that what really matters is not whether a picture is "by" Raphael or Titian, but whether it is or is not a fine painting.

THE WAX BUST.

Next to the *quality* of a work of art, the matter of second importance is its date. Opinions may reasonably differ as to whether a certain work is by this or that Florentine of the Renaissance. It is, comparatively, a minor point about which a certain elasticity is allowable. But it is another matter altogether to mistake Victorian work for Renaissance, and *vice versa*. Hence, to return to the matter of the Wax Bust at Berlin, the deadliness of the attack on the late Dr. Bode. To say he was mistaken in saying it was by Leonardo did no serious harm to him or anybody else. But to accuse him of taking a piece of Victorian sculpture to be a Renaissance work was to aim a cruel shaft at his reputation as an expert.

In this connection I should draw attention to the letter on another page from Dr. George C. Williamson. The testimony of this eminent expert is of high value. Particularly illuminating are his comments on the credibility as a witness of the late Mr. Whitbourne. No doubt he did see the "Flora" in Lucas's studio when it was there for repair, but it was a tragedy for Dr. Bode when he was persuaded into saying that Lucas was not merely the restorer but the author. I can only repeat my belief that this bust is genuine Renaissance work, very much repaired, and express my thanks to those correspondents who have given their support to my opinion.

LEONARDO DA VINCI.

Without any painting by Leonardo, the Milanese room (Gallery V.) is terribly like "Hamlet" without the Prince of Denmark. We could hardly expect the Louvre to lend us the "Monna Lisa," but it would have been gratifying had the French Government seen its way to lending us another Leonardo, preferably "The Virgin of the Rocks." How interesting and instructive it would have been could this and the National Gallery version have been hung side by side! Would our picture have survived the ordeal? Personally, I doubt it, but these are high matters on which I dare not tread.

What does surprise me, however, is that the organisers of this exhibition and the Council of the Royal Academy did not seize this opportunity of bringing Marco d'Oggione's admirable copy of "The Last Supper" from the obscurity of the Diploma Gallery—where nobody can see it properly—and putting it in this gallery where all could enjoy it. Ambrogio de Predis, Boltraffio, Luini, and the rest are all very well in their way. If minor masters, they produced a number of charming pictures; but the public, I am sure, could easily have dispensed with a dozen of their works for the opportunity of seeing in a good light and in ample space a contemporary copy of what is perhaps the most famous picture in the world.

Meanwhile, visitors who wish to increase their knowledge of Leonardo must content themselves with the drawings in Galleries VIII and IX. Here a rich feast awaits them, some forty drawings by Leonardo, ranging from the large "Cartoon for the Virgin and Child with St. Anne" (630) to the minute "Study for a Nativity" (355 i.)—4½ by 5¼ inches—from the Academia, Venice. Of superlative quality are the silver points lent from the Royal Library, Windsor, which include the "Head and Bust of a Woman" (547) and "Studies of Hands" (551), "Studies of Plants" (557) in brown ink, and the ink and water-colour "Plans of Weirs across a River," all testifying to the enquiring mind of Leonardo, his consummate craftsmanship, and the extensive range of his activities.

PLAYS AND PLAYERS

MORE REVIVALS.

To-night.—Arts: "The Devil."
Jan. 13.—Court: "The Doctor's Dilemma."
Embassy: "Through the Veil."
Victoria Palace: "One Dam Thing After Another."
Jan. 18.—R.A.D.A. Theatre: "The Mannoch Family."

The Christmas productions will soon be ousted by productions of a less seasonal character; and among them there will be a fair proportion of revivals. On Saturday week, for instance, the run of "The Rose and the Ring" will end at the Lyric, Hammersmith; and on the following Wednesday Sir Nigel Playfair will revive Pinero's "Dandy Dick," originally produced at the Court Theatre in 1887. Also on Saturday week "The Private Secretary" will finish at the Criterion; and on January 28 it will be succeeded by a revival of "Milestones," with Mr. Allan Jeayes in Dennis Eadie's old part and Miss Clare Eames in that played originally by Haidée Wright. Others in the cast are Mr. Ion Swinley, Miss Viola Lyel (now in "Ten Nights in a Bar-Room"), and Miss Dorothy Cheston. First produced in 1912, "Milestones" has been twice revived, last time in 1920, and on all three productions its home has been the Court.

To-morrow "Third Time Lucky" goes to the King's Theatre, Hammersmith, to make way for the new H. M. Harwood play, "The Man in Possession," which begins at the Ambassadors on Wednesday week, together with Eugene O'Neill's "In the Zone." Mr. Raymond Massey, who produces both plays, will be in the company together with Miss Isabel Jeans, but the latter will not be seen in the O'Neill play, which has no women characters. "The Man in Possession" opens with the return to his middle-class family of a young man who, after being at the varsity, has got into trouble and "done time"; it has more sentimental touches than most Harwood plays, but retains the general character of comedy. "In the Zone" (the title refers literally to the War zone), it is interesting to note, gave Mr. Massey his first part on the stage!

"Sapper's" new play, which is to follow "The Ghost Train," is still without a name, but has been provided with a cast. Miss Beatrix Thomson has the lead as the wife of an army officer (Mr. Edgar Norfolk, who plays one of those weak, irresolute characters in which he has been so successful). Mr. C. V. France is an Oriental, and others in the cast are Mr. Ian Hunter, Mr. Julian Royce, Mr. G. H. Mulcaster, Miss Henrietta Watson, and Miss Pamela Carme. The last-named played vamping parts in both "Hold Everything" and "Her Shop," but is a conventional character in the new play. The scene is laid first in Aldershot and later in the East; the pivot of the action is the question of honour; and the thrills arise from situation and have no mechanics about them, nor is there anything of the "Bull-Dog Drummond" type in the play. It opens at the Comedy on Thursday week.

Mr. Campbell Dixon's stage version of Aldous Huxley's novel, "Point Counter Point," is another play which is not yet sure of its title; "Strange Mansion" is the temporary name it has been given, but a flood of suggested titles offered by correspondents to the management make it uncertain whether this will be permanent. The cast is to include Miss Irene Vanbrugh, Miss Joyce Kennedy, Mr. Arthur Wontner, Mr. Miles Malleson (who has just finished a new social comedy), and Mr. Leon M. Lion, who I rather fancy will play Spandrell. Philip and Elinor Quarles are important characters, but most of the people we remember in the book will be introduced, and the dialogue is for the most part pure Huxley. Nobody was more surprised to see what a neat, workmanlike play could be made out of the novel than Mr. Huxley himself, who, having originally declared dramatisation impossible, is now coming over from Italy to see the rehearsals. Mr. Lion, who, of course, presents the play, will also produce it with the assistance of Mr. Malleson: it will open at Daly's on or about the 30th of this month.

Mr. George Zucco, whose performance in "Journey's End" is so extraordinarily moving, is to produce the next play given by the Incorporated Stage Society. Entitled "Forty-Seven," it is written round the events of the Irish Rebellion in 1917, and tells the tragic love story of an English spy and a Sinn Fein girl. It is the first play of its author, Mr. Sydney Loch, who has, however, written several books. He knows what he is writing about, as at the time of the Rebellion he was in Dublin collecting material for his book "Ireland in Travail"; he was three times arrested—by the Sinn Feiners because he looked English, by the Orangemen because he came from Dublin, and by the Black and Tans because his landlady kept bullets under her bed!

After a run of nearly a year at the Gaiety Theatre, "Love Lies" will finish at that theatre on Saturday, in order to fulfil a prearranged tour of thirteen weeks. On the following Wednesday it will be replaced by Laddie Cliff's new British musical comedy, "Darling, I Love You." The authors are Stanley Brightman and Arthur Rigby.

The Repertory Players' next production will be a new play by Mr. Edward Percy, author of "If Four Walls Told," entitled "The Fiddler Played It Wrong," which has divorce as its theme. It will be given at the Strand on February 2, after which the Repertory Players will give four more productions to complete the second half of the season. A week later they will have their annual dinner at the Park Lane Hotel, with their president, Mr. Matheson Lang, in the chair. Among the speakers will be Miss Irene Vanbrugh, Miss Marie Ney, and Mr. H. F. Maltby.

Mr. Robert Loraine returns to-morrow to the cast of "Art and Mrs. Bottle" at the Royalty, but will continue to appear in the afternoons in "Treasure Island" at the Strand. The latter production comes off on Saturday week, and goes on tour, starting at Birmingham on February 10.

"Through the Veil," by Cecil Madden and Gilbert Stone, which will be presented at the Embassy Theatre to-morrow, is a play in which the subject of spiritualism is frankly discussed. The cast includes Miss Helen Haye, Miss Lucy Sibey, Mr. John McVormick, Mr. Alfred Clark, Miss Ailsa Graham, Miss Rosalind Atkinson, Mr. H. Brough-Robertson, Miss Margaret Delamere, and Mr. C. M. Hallard. The production will be brought to the West End later.

It was, of course, Mrs. Vernon who translated "Journey's End" into French and who is responsible for the French version of the film "Beethoven," while her husband is to produce "The Matriarch" in America. A printer's error caused some confusion in this connection last Sunday.

The Covent Garden International Grand Opera is already announced: it is to run from April 28 to July 4, and the repertoire will be selected from the following: "Der Ring der Nibelungen" (of which two cycles will be given), "Parsifal" "Die Meistersinger," "Der Fliegende Holländer," "Johann Strauss's "Fledermaus," "Aida," "Otello," "La Traviata," "Rigoletto," "Norma," "Madame Butterfly," "Tosca," Flotow's "Martha," Giordano's "Andrea Chenier," Montemezzi's "L'Amore Dei Tre Re," "Pelléas et Mélisande," and the "Romeo et Juliette" of Gounod. An imposing list of artists includes Lotte Lehmann, Frida Leider, Rosa Ponselle, Elizabeth Schumann, Maria Olczewska, Melchoir, Laubenthal, Habich, and Schorr, and the conductors will be Barbirolli, Bellezza, Heger, and Walter. Meanwhile, the Carl Rosa Opera Company open a season at the King's Theatre, Hammersmith, to-morrow week: the chief event of the week will be the first London production in English of Isadore de Lara's "Messaline."

D. P.

their way home, "The Rio Grande" was given a repeat performance, with Mr. Constant Lambert, the composer, again conducting, and Sir Hamilton Harty again playing the piano part. At least this young work betrays no complex of melancholy: imaginative and resourceful, it is really great fun.

Mr. Michael Head.

At Wigmore Hall, on Thursday, Mr. Michael Head sang songs to his own accompaniment. His voice is a light, pale tenor, sympathetically managed. He gave a somewhat rarefied account of *lieder*, and of some pretty songs of his own. Piano solos were played by Mr. Maurice Cole.

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How Not to Produce Shakespeare.

For more than twenty years, with intervals, I have been myself a dramatic critic, and in the course of those years I have naturally seen a certain number of Shakespeare's plays performed several times, and some characters in them, some scenes, well played. But (I quote from memory and possibly from "The Excursion")—

> But when intent to trace the poet's plan,
> How often in the theatre's gay parterre,
> At what I've witnessed and at what I've heard
> I've said with inly-muttered voice, "Oh, dear,
> Oh, dear!"

Our Shakespearean productions are frequently impressive as pageants and of educational value to the young reciter, but I confess, not being especially pleased with myself for admiring Shakespeare nor apt to feel that I am fulfilling a patriot-citizen's duty in going, I seldom attend them with much enthusiasm; with a certain curiosity, no doubt, to see how so and so will acquit himself, or herself, in such and such a part, but with little hope that by doing so I shall get a better idea of the play as a whole. The performances at His Majesty's under Tree's management, which carried on the Irving-Lyceum tradition, still set to-day the model followed by all managers—as far as their funds may allow. Now, those performances were not merely bids for full houses, they were the gifts of an enthusiast. They were on a scale far too minutely lavish to be commercial, and the effect was often magnificent, giving pleasure and exhilaration to thousands.

It was the tradition that was wrong, not the way Tree carried it out; in that he displayed an astonishing invention. The editions of Shakespeare issued at His Majesty's were more sumptuously bound and richly illustrated than any the Lyceum had produced. The mistake was to suppose that, say, "Antony and Cleopatra" could be improved by introducing a thrumming, aromatic kind of music, or that the mystery and attraction of Cleopatra, let alone the point of the play, could be reinforced by a symbolic transformation scene, in which a Sphinx gradually loomed out of blackness to die into it again. Very fine that Sphinx was, I remember; but also I remember that it called down louder applause than any other scene in the play, which proves, if one has any faith in Shakespeare the dramatist, that there was something wrong.

Discussion of Character.

The result of all this accumulation of commentary and illustration, however ingenious or lavish, round one of his plays is not only to slow down its action intolerably and compel cutting, but to eradicate from it, as Mr. Granville-Barker again and again shows, the subtlest emotional effects due to rapid dramatic juxtaposition; while to interpret Shakespeare to the eye, *for which his scenes were not designed,* is to fail to interpret him to the imagination. His drama was constructed so as *not* to challenge comparison with actual life. Unity of place and time is ignored in it, because his audiences never regarded the stage as a realistic scene. We must get back to that point of view to understand the plays completely.

This has all been said before by every dramatic critic worthy of attention. But the importance of this particular book of dramatic criticism is that it is positive and practical. It does not merely tell the producer and actor how *not* to do it, as we did, but points out what they ought to do. (By the by, the only Shakespearean production which came near reaching satisfaction point as far as I myself was concerned was Mr. Granville-Barker's own production of "Twelfth Night"; and I see now from reading his book that that must have been defective.) The subject of these Prefaces is Shakespeare's stage-craft, and under that is included character drawing and the dramatic tempo of the verse. The comments upon the characters are ever pointful; and what is rare, when they happen to be subtle they are also invariably sensible. It is comparatively easy to be subtle in commenting upon character if one does not care about being sensible, while the average observer can achieve common sense if he gives up entirely the attempt to be subtle. Mr. Granville-Barker is both.

Shylock and Portia.

Each preface begins with a description of the construction of the play in question and its nature. For instance, of one of them opens: "'Romeo and Juliet' is a lyric tragedy, and this must be the key to its interpreting"; and another: "'The Merchant of Venice' is a fairy tale. There is no more reality in Shylock's bond and the Lord of Belmont's will than in 'Jack and the Beanstalk.'" Both these statements are obvious; they have probably often been made before, but the difficulty is to keep them in mind when it comes to deciding the interpretation of emotions and the distribution of emphasis.

It is here that the criticism is original and admirable. In "The Merchant of Venice" Shakespeare took over a plot made out of two stories which do not synchronise.

> His practical business, once he had chosen these two stories for his play, was simply so to charge them with humanity that they did not betray belief in the human beings presenting them, yet not so uncompromisingly that the stories themselves became ridiculous. What the producer of the play must first set himself to ascertain is the way in which he did this, the nice course that—by reason or instinct—he steered. Find it and follow it, and there need be no running on the rocks. But logic may land us anywhere. It can turn Bassanio into a heartless adventurer. Test the clock of the action by Greenwich time, and it will either be going too fast or too slow. . . . Unlikelihood of plot is redeemed by veracity of character; while the artifice of medium, the verse and its convention, and the stylised acting of boy as woman re-reconciles us to the fantasy of the plot.

Mr. Granville-Barker does not propose that we should go back to boy-actors in women's parts, but in an analysis of Portia's part (in the Casket scene she is an "enchanted princess") in the Trial scene, he shows the danger of pitching the whole scene in the key of the speech on mercy. "This youth can be as brisk and businesslike as you please, and stand before the judge's bench alert, athletic, modest, confident." Nor is the famous speech the scene's top note.

The Trial Scene.

There are a hundred lines before the catastrophic solution (catastrophic from Shylock's point of view), when the "not one drop of blood" turns the tables on the man who has insisted on the letter of his bond. It is an exact retaliation, for Shylock stood for the law and the letter of the law. Mr. Granville-Barker points out that this intense trust in legality, his only defence in a hostile world, and the fact that Shylock had sworn a religious oath to have his bond, are the places at which the character stress falls, backed, of course, by that intense hatred which speaks in Shylock's retort to Salarino, who has asked what a pound of flesh is good for:—"To bait fish withal: if it will feed nothing else, it will feed my revenge." These are the crucial points of the situation. The two props which have dignified Shylock's squalid life are cut from under him. It is important that the action should afterwards proceed with rapidity; for the scene is written as an ignominious diminuendo:

> I pray you give me leave to go hence;
> I am not well. Send the deed after me
> And I will sign it.

"There can be no greater error," Mr. Granville-Barker says, "than to gerrymander Shylock a strenuously "effective exit"—and most Shylocks commit it. "From the character's point of view the significant simplicity of that

> I am not well

is spoilt; and from the point of view of the play the technical skill with which Shakespeare abstracts from his comedy this tragic, dominating figure and avoids anti-climax after is nullified."

Examples of Stagecraft.

It is, however, in his commentary on "Antony and Cleopatra" that his analysis of Shakespeare's stagecraft reaches its furthest pitch of discernment, and discovers what has been hidden from us in the play; though in the Preface to "Romeo and Juliet" the constant importance, firstly, of the delocalisation of the scene in producing rapid dramatic effects, and, secondly, of associating the balcony and inner chamber with Juliet herself, is clearly brought out. The audience, for instance, saw Capulet arranging Juliet's marriage with Paris, underneath the closed curtains of her chamber on the upper scene.

> Now comes the well-prepared effect. Hardly have the three vanished below, bustling and happy, when with
>
> Wilt thou begone? It is not yet near day . . .
>
> Juliet and Romeo appear at the window above, clinging together, agonised in the very joy of their union, but all ignorant of this new and deadly blow which (again) *we* know is to fall on them. Only the unlocalised stage is capable of just such an effect as this. . . . The lower stage was anywhere downstairs in Capulet's house. The upper stage was associated with Juliet; it had served for her balcony and had been put to no other use.

The Practical Conclusion.

In the case of "Antony and Cleopatra" he discovers dramatic points of a similar kind which are only perceptible when the conventions of the Elizabethan stage are observed. But what is startling is that, under this treatment, the play with which we have been familiar as a wonderful passion story with practically only two characters in it expands into a passion story, equally wonderful, but set in the wider theme of the contrast and conflict between East and West. This is a triumph of interpretative discernment. The main theme of this book, which is illustrated again and again in a manner which proves that Shakespeare minutely designed his work for particular stage, is that our division of the plays into acts and scenes falsifies and continually obscures his art. "Working upon a stage which reproduced the essential conditions of his, working as students, not as showmen merely, a company of actors might well find many of the riddles of the library answering themselves unasked." Change of place to Shakespeare did not mean what we mean by change of "scene." It was not a question of topography. Sometimes the "place" is left vague; always it is no more than indicated by either words in the dialogue or association with certain parts of the stage. Thanks to this convention, it was possible to attain a fluidity of action which modern revivals obstruct, and which is essential, not only to the spirit of the poetry itself, but to preserving the rich variety and proportions of the plays.

THE MAKING OF AMERICA.

"The War of Independence: American Phase." By Claude H. Van Tyne. (Constable. 21s.)

This volume is the sequel of Mr. Claude Van Tyne's previously published book, "Causes of the War of Independence," and readers on both sides of the Atlantic will know what is meant when it is said that it stands, in every important respect, on the same high level as that attained by its predecessor. The subterranean work which went to its composition, the delving into hitherto unpublished masses of documents, must have been very considerable, and the literary art with which the writer has welded his material into a coherent and most interesting narrative is worthy of high praise. Not less welcome is the fair and candid fashion in which the story is told. Englishmen have long ago recognised and proclaimed the justice, the inevitability of the revolt which deprived Great Britain of the noblest of British possessions, and it would have been well for international relations had some American historians told the story with a less pronounced accent of bitterness. That note is never strident or obtrusive in the pages of Mr. Van Tyne. His book has the note of understanding and conciliation, the note of beneficent statesmanship. His concluding volume is one to anticipate with high expectations both of profit and pleasure.

HOW WE ARE GOVERNED.

"English Government and Politics." By F. A. Ogg. (New York: Macmillan. 18s.)

Reviewed by SIR JOHN MARRIOTT.

"England looms as prominently in the political realm as Greece in the domain of thought or Rome in that of law." That is well and truly said. But I do not know that I should go quite so far as Dr. Ogg when he adds: "No one can go far toward an understanding of the government under which he lives without knowing its English antecedents or connections. Particularly is this true of the American." Of the American it is certainly true, and, curiously enough, it is much more true of the Frenchman. For the modern French Constitution is directly modelled on that of England: the American Constitution is not. On the contrary, the Fathers of the American Constitution gave to the world a new type of constitution, which is evidently destined to compete with that of England for ascendancy in the modern world. Of course, it is true that the Federal Constitution of 1788 was in part derived from colonial models, and that these in turn could claim an English ancestry. But the colonial governments were unitary; the federal element introduced in 1788 made all the difference, and has given to constitutional development in the United States its characteristic feature. Moreover, the architects of the American Constitution deliberately rejected the distinctive characteristic of the English Constitution—viz., an Executive responsible to the Legislature. In a word, they preferred the practice of Cromwell to the theory of Pym or the device of Walpole.

An American Commentator.

The main purpose of this review is to induce English readers to study a very excellent book on English political institutions written by a highly accomplished American commentator. The truth is that the Americans are far more curious about the working of the English constitutional machine than we are ourselves. Of all peoples in the world we are perhaps the least introspective. As long as the machine works fairly well we do not bother about the mechanism. We work it; we don't analyse it. It is otherwise in America. They revel in analysis. Consequently they send us an increasing output of books on "Comparative Politics"; and among American writers on the subject, Dr. Ogg is in the front rank.

The purpose of this book is to give an account of the English system of government

> on lines which will render it not only a reservoir of data on principles and processes, but a living reality as a going concern.

Or as the author elsewhere puts it his object has been to

> create the picture of a great expanding, living political organism, whose interest for the world flows quite as much from the novel things that it is about to do as from those which it has already done

This purpose, let it be said at once, is admirably fulfilled. Within similar limits of space I know of no work which fulfils it better. Not the least useful feature of the book is the copious documentation. Dr. Ogg appends to his book no formal bibliography: but there are throughout frequent references to his authorities which not only testify to the extraordinarily wide range of his own reading, but will be found invaluable by those who desire to make more detailed study of particular topics.

Our Political Institutions.

The general reader will be well advised to resort to it for other purposes. He will find here an adequate account of the origin and development of English political institutions; an analysis of the actual working of the governmental machine; an account of the Crown, the Privy Council, the Cabinet, the Civil Service, and Parliament at work. Very full treatment is also accorded to the history of parties, to an analysis of party structure and party organisation, and the work concludes with two chapters on Ireland and one on "Some Aspects of Imperial Affairs." In these latter chapters there is a curious lack of proportion. The Irish Free State seems to loom larger in Dr. Ogg's vision than the whole of the rest of the British Empire Oversea Dominions, Dependencies, etc., put together.

On one or two points of detail Dr. Ogg may perhaps think it well to reconsider his judgments. He discusses, for instance (p. 109), the actual powers of the Crown in reference to a dissolution of Parliament, inclining to the view of Mr. MacDonald put forward in opposition to that maintained by Mr. Asquith in December, 1923. The views of both men may well have been coloured by the contemporary situation. In view of the fact that we again have a minority Government in office, the point may well become one of great practical significance; and I should demur to Dr. Ogg's statement that Mr. MacDonald's contention that the King is bound to take the Premier's advice was "generally considered" to be correct. On the contrary, the King is clearly entitled to exhaust the alternatives in an existing House of Commons before appealing to the electorate. If no Minister can obtain the support of the House of Commons, then, of course, the Sovereign must grant a dissolution; not otherwise.

BUILDING MATTERS.

"The Honeywood File: An Adventure in Building." By H. B. Creswell, F.R.I.B.A. (Architectural Press. 7s. 6d.)

Reviewed by PROF. A. E. RICHARDSON.

Architects, unlike other mortals, are held responsible for the direction of many trades. On a matter of principle their chief duty is to design a building and to supervise its erection. In reality there is much tiresome routine work upon which the ultimate success of the building depends. It is common knowledge that architects encounter many difficulties which cannot be foreseen when negotiations are begun. As a body they are tactful people, and when backed by rules of professional conduct they are towers of strength. Experience, however, also tells, and those architects are fortunate indeed who go from one adventure to another retaining the trust of their clients and the respect of builders and workmen.

Mr. H. B. Creswell has written an account of the trials of a young architect who had been commissioned to design a large country house. The author's method is ingenious; for example, he draws upon the imaginary file of the architect's correspondence, and while restating supposed facts, he adds a commentary of his own which is highly entertaining. "The Honeywood File" in serial form has already interested a large professional circle: it is clear, therefore, that as a book it will be welcomed by a wider audience. Mr Arnold Bennett, whose knowledge of architects and building is as sound as any man's, has praised Mr Creswell's insight and originality. Most readers will understand that only an architect of ripe knowledge could have handled the imaginary documents so adroitly.

Dickensian Method.

Mr. Creswell writes:—

> "The Honeywood File" was first opened when the author sat down before a blank sheet of paper, and James Spinlove a complete stranger, announced himself at the point of the pen.

Apparently the author began writing without a plot, and he allowed all the characters to take their places as they might be expected to do in actual life. One cannot help suspecting that some of the good folk mentioned are not mere figurants of the imagination. At all events, there is something Dickensian in the author's method which keeps the fun going throughout the three hundred and ten pages. Mr Creswell writes easily. In one sense his work can be read as a satire on the complications of the present age. Mr. Spinlove, the Architect is a newly fledged Associate of the Royal Institute, his client Sir Leslie Brash is a newly-made knight, the contractor is one of those rare creatures, to wit, the old-fashioned country builder who takes a pride in his work. While the chief actors write to each other, a score or so of shadowy persons appear in the correspondence to create alarums and excursions. It was the late Mr. Thomas Hardy who said: "When I gave up architecture for writing I began to be talked about." It is to be hoped that Mr. Creswell will neither forsake architecture nor writing. He is a champion of right procedure in building matters, and his present book is an excellent guide for clients and architects.

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"China to Chelsea, a Modern Pilgrimage Along Ancient Highways." By Captain McCallum. (Benn. 21s.)

Reviewed by J. M. BULLOCH.

The books grouped in this column may seem very incongruous, despite the fact that two of them start by quoting the Ecclesiastes *cliché* about the endlessness of making books. As a matter of fact, they are all interesting chronicles of men who are proud of their particular pilgrimage, although the writers have aimed at very different goals.

To begin with, the late Mr. Abinger, who died last May at the age of 70, after forty years at the Bar, was immensely proud of being a Jew, and regretted that his mother induced his father, who retained his patronymic, to camouflage his brood from Abrahams to Abinger.

> I have been a great sufferer through this change of name during the whole of my professional career. I have always been a conforming Jew, and take a pride in my religion. I have lost no opportunity of proclaiming it in court and out of it. I have the greatest contempt for apostates who, without conviction, change their faith and their name to a name less Hebraic in character so as to conceal their Semitic origins.

Abinger was also proud of his profession, displaying none of the dislike of Lord Justice Scrutton for "the sordid atmosphere of the criminal courts." He took the plight of his client Stinie Morrison, who, he passionately held, was "convicted on evidence that should not have hanged a dog," so much to heart that it became an obsession with him. Some of us, however, like Lord Justice Scrutton, are getting rather tired of the constant re-hashing of the annals of the criminal courts, for recently we have had a perfect deluge of books of this kind, of which one of the best is that on the work of Marshall-Hall, to say nothing of the reprints of trials. Abinger's pages do not add anything appreciably to our knowledge, while his account of the Rabelaisian repartee of Sam Lewis and Blundell Maple is positively moth-eaten.

Lord Reading's Secret of Success.

Far more interesting are his appreciations of judges and of his fellow-counsel. He is very enthusiastic over Lord Russell of Killowen—"the greatest lawyer I have ever known"—although he was quite frightened of him, and he adored Lord Reading, with whom he was at school. Lord Reading, who in his early days at the Bar would sometimes start work at four in the morning, was once asked by Abinger the secret of his success, and, after thinking a moment, replied:—

> Firstly, I always feel well and in good spirits. Secondly, I seem to have an intuitive power of putting my finger on the crucial point in any case in which I am pleading, and always keeping that point in view throughout the trial. Beyond this I can really tell you nothing.

Of a totally different type are the experiences of Mr. Bamberger, who was associated with the timber and pianoforte trades for sixty years. But he, too, is immensely proud of his job, and braces one when he declares, in two different places, that "the timber trade is a fine and manly business, and if you put all your energy and soul into it you must succeed." While the book is mainly a Who's Who of the timber business, with no fewer than ninety portrait illustrations, there runs through it a co-ordinating philosophy of life, all the more impressive in that it is not doctrinaire, as when he says—and this advice is invaluable to others beside those engaged in the timber trade—

> I should like to say to those croakers one sometimes meets: "Don't worry yourself about what others are doing. Stick to your job and your job will stick to you."
> The cause of failures of many firms then (in his youth) was that the principals did not attend to their business, but spent more or less the whole of the day practising at "The Bar" in one or more of the well-known taverns of the City. I do not think I am exaggerating when I say that at any time of the day at least a couple of members of the trade were to be found in these popular resorts. Others wasted too many hours playing various games.

Mr. Bamberger has a delightfully naive and friendly style, which gives history a sense of sincerity.

A Motor Pilgrimage.

While Mr. Abinger deals with forty years in the law and Mr. Bamberger with sixty years in timber, Captain McCallum of the East Yorkshires describes a journey of 15,200 miles from Pekin to Chelsea which took him just eleven months. The most direct route from Pekin to London would have been through Siberia, but a journey through Soviet territory at the time was out of the question. So, in order to reach Persia and Europe, via Constantinople, he had to go through Indo-China, Siam, Malaya, Burma and India. He, his wife and two motor engineers used two cars, one a two seater weighing two and three quarter tons, and a four seater weighing three and a half tons. His book is not like the ordinary globe-trotting hash-up, for he took great pains to prepare for the journey; he studied closely many new phases of life, especially in Indo-China, on which there are few English books, while he had served as British liaison officer in Syria for four years. Captain McCallum is full of enthusiasms, as when he writes in the manner of "Eothen":—

> Damascus will ever remain for me the most fascinating city in the world, fascinating in its age-old history, in its outward appearance, and in its hidden life of unending intrigue. They say that the whisper of a Damascus bazaar is common knowledge of the desert within twenty-four hours, and that, I suppose, has been the life and breath of it throughout the ages. This cockpit of the East, which still stands, after its four thousand years of unchanging change, the oldest surviving city of the world.

This book, which contains thirty-six illustrations and four good maps, may inspire other motorists to seek new routes of adventure.

A NOVELIST'S LETTERS.

"Dostoyevsky's Letters to His Wife." Translated by Elizabeth Hill. (Constable. 21s.)

To employ a rather hackneyed simile, the amount of new information concerning Dostoyevsky contained in this volume, set beside the overwhelming mass of negligible and boring detail, is as the amount of bread set beside the quantity of wine in Falstaff's tavern bill. A great novelist—and Dostoyevsky was indubitably among the greatest of his craft—need not be a great letter-writer, and that fact was never more copiously proved than in this volume, all the really informative part of which might have been compressed into one-twentieth of its bulk. Dostoyevsky was at once really an invalid and a hypochondriac, and, as is obvious in many pages even of his finest work, he was occupied and interested by innumerable trifles of which men of far less intelligence would have taken no account at all. He was also a good deal of a graphomaniac. The net result of these peculiarities, as displayed in this portly volume, is a prolix dissertation on trifles.

PIONEERS OF TRAVEL.

"The Ancient Explorers." By M. Cary and E. H. Warmington. (Methuen. 12s. 6d.)

Perhaps we are somewhat apt in these times of bewilderingly rapid scientific progress, when invention and discovery proceed at such tremendous paces, when, as Macaulay put it, a point invisible to-day is the starting-point of to-morrow, to forget the noble band of Pioneers. And especially, now that the once illimitable earth has shrunk to the dimensions of an orange, slung in a network of lines and rails, are we liable to forget the grand old seekers who, like Tennyson's Ulysses, set out

> To sail beyond the sunset, and the baths
> Of all the western stars.

defying, not merely the terrors of wave and tempest, but the unknown and formless dangers which haunted their own powerful and ignorant imaginations. It is well that we should be reminded of them, and of the debt not merely poetry, but science, owes to their courage and endurance. Messrs. Cary and Warmington have performed their chosen task in a fashion which shows that it was indeed a labour of love, and their record of the feats of the pioneers of travel, Egyptian, Mesopotamian, Greek, and Roman, makes most enchanting reading.

NEW FICTION.

GREAT GERMAN NOVEL.

"The Lost Child." By Rahel Sanzara. (Gollancz. 7s. 6d.)
"Children of the Earth." By Ethel Mannin. (Jarrolds. 7s. 6d.)
"Retreat." By C. R. Benstead. (Methuen. 7s. 6d.)
"Bad Men Make Good Wives." By Milton Hayes. (Hurst and Blackett. 7s. 6d.)

Reviewed by RALPH STRAUS.

"The Lost Child" comes to this country with a big reputation. It is, surprisingly, a first novel. Even more surprisingly it is the work of a comparatively young woman, a well-known German actress who wishes to preserve her anonymity. The Berlin critics professed themselves staggered by its clarity, its stern beauty, and not least by its strangely haunting story. In Vienna they could speak of it as "the finest book ever written by a woman."

It is not that: but it is a wholly astonishing book. It is also a very terrible book, for, to be candid, it is a detailed and most dramatic presentation of one of the most dreadful "cases" with which psychologists are called on to deal. And in general I should be inclined to say such a subject belongs to the medical manuals; it is out of place in a novel. Yet this German woman has, almost miraculously, given real nobility and real beauty to something that to most people must be profoundly distasteful. In the old days they would have said of the poor farm-lad who murders his beloved master's little daughter that he was possessed of a devil, and they would have been right. Fritz *is* possessed by the foulest of all devils, and for him there is only one ghastly path to freedom. And this he takes, only half understanding what he is doing, while in prison, and I cannot imagine the reader who will not be most deeply moved, even if he be unutterably shocked.

For there is more than a touch of the sublime in the book. The portrait of Fritz himself, normally so gentle and hard-working, but periodically swept into a maelstrom, is a little masterpiece. There is not a false touch in all its thousand details. But there are others almost as startling. Fritz's mother, who, in spite of her love for him, can be the chief instrument in bringing him "to justice," and Christian, his master, who, living up to his name, can forgive and, in the end, serve his daughter's murderer—you may think at first that the author has been too daring, but in the end you understand that they, too, are no less authentic.

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In Miss Mannin's new book there is also—a little unexpectedly, perhaps—a background of rusticity, though here the human figures, a Jersey fisherman and his family, are refreshingly "ordinary." It is the writer's most ambitious attempt at fiction, and much care has obviously gone to its making. The result is a picturesque family panorama, delicately coloured, singularly beautiful in places, though perhaps overburdened with detail, and genuinely dramatic.

Jean le Camillon is a simple hardworking man who asks for little enough from life. When he marries, he finds himself in a wonderful dream, but the dream of course does not last. It turns at moments into something like a nightmare. His wife, a Frenchwoman, comes near to betraying him, though wholly against her will. They are reconciled, and the nightmare is banished, but only until her sudden death. And henceforth Fate seems to mock him. His younger son is drowned, his eldest killed in the war. His three daughters leave him to marry. And what can life mean which persists in such cruelty? Yet there is some compensation at the end.

It seems to me that this book lacks that indefinable quality which confers greatness upon a work of art, but it is exceedingly good to read. I feel that it might have gained considerably by condensation—once or twice there are irritating repetitions—but it shows remarkable understanding of and sympathy for these simple folk.

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Once again, if further proof were needed, we may see that our own war-books can be quite as good as any of the importations. Mr. Benstead's grim story of those dreadful days in March, 1918, when the Fifth Army fell back as best it could, is as vivid and as moving as any I have read. In one way, too, it breaks fresh ground, for it has for its chief figure—the wrong kind of parson. Poor Warne leaves his quiet country rectory to go to the front, but with the best will in the world he cannot face its realities. Hysteria does its fell work, and the end is miserable failure, redeemed only by death.

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The first half of Mr. Hayes's new novel is not only most entertaining but charmingly pathetic as well. Mr. Upjack is an elderly messenger in an Insurance Company, and he keeps a misspelt diary (mostly about his two beautiful daughters) which is quite first-rate. Unfortunately his later adventures are merely farcical, and destroy one's belief in the man.

TWO WOMEN WRITERS.

"Hudson River Bracketed." By Edith Wharton. (Appleton. 7s. 6d.)
"Don Juan's Daughters." By Irene Forbes-Mosse. (Bodley Head. 7s. 6d.)

Reviewed by DILYS POWELL.

Writers of talent have an unconquerable desire to write about characters of genius, just as George Meredith was for ever discoursing on wit and producing impertinence grown respectable. Mrs. Wharton, whose "Hudson River Bracketed" is the chronicle of the growth of a novelist from adolescence to maturity, has avoided many pitfalls by touching only lightly on the actual results of Vance Weston's creative power and concentrating on the emotional conflicts which shape him into an artist. The story is familiar to readers of American fiction. Vance Weston (christened Advance after his Middle West birthplace) is a hypersensitive boy with a capacity for unfortunate love affairs, a violent feeling for poetry, and a tendency to stagey behaviour when confronted with such a natural phenomenon as the Ocean. Brought up in an atmosphere of pep, punch, and all the other attributes known to us through the good offices of Mr. Sinclair Lewis, he is enslaved by the past as it is embodied in an old house, a perfect specimen of the style of architecture nicknamed Hudson River Bracketed.

Under its spell he writes his first best-seller—but not without the help of Halo Tarrant, the cultivated wife of a literary dilettante. Halo is the confidante of his most intimate thoughts and the inspiration of his best work; but a happy issue out of all his troubles (his financial troubles are considerable, best-seller notwithstanding) is deferred by Halo's loyalty to her husband and Vance's loyalty to the adorable empty-headed May Lou he has married. The affair rights itself in the end, after a tragic interlude; but the hungry reader looks up, and is not fed with news of genius. Mrs. Wharton has written a finely balanced and acutely sympathetic novel about the early struggles and confusion of a man's life. But it is not a novel of genius, and the reader is not by any means convinced that Vance Weston's book would have been a novel of genius either.

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Three lovely stories by Irene Forbes-Mosse, who is a granddaughter of Bettina von Arnim, friend of Goethe and Beethoven, have been exquisitely translated by Mr. Oakley Williams, while Vernon Lee contributes an introduction. I am reluctant to call these stories fantastic: the word has been too oft profaned by association with the growing Barries and incipient Dunsanys of our day. Better to indicate their subjects, and say that the first, described as a Capriccio, deals with the fortunes of Don Juan's four doe-eyed daughters and the reconciliation between his widow, tart Donna Elvira, and the ample beauty, her enemy Donna Anna; that the second is the tale of a woman who, lacking a child of her own, talks with dream-children whom she cherishes to the day of her death; that the third shows us a German family burdened with a monstrous idiot son, and introduces us to the girl whose innocent crime removes the burden and the mussoleonine capitalist who makes it his business to lighten her conscience. I cannot say what remote sweetness clothes these stories, whether the mood be gay or tragic; but I can say that this is a book to buy quickly.

THE WEIRD TITAN.

"La Religion de Victor Hugo." By Denis Saurat. (Paris: Hachette. 12 fr.)

Reviewed by LAURIE MAGNUS.

Eminent Victorians will recognise the Tennysonian source of the heading given to this review. It occurs in a sonnet to Hugo, written in 1877, after Lionel Tennyson had paid him a visit; and the French poet, writing to thank the English poet on June 4 in that year, declared that

> France et Angleterre sont pour moi un seul peuple, comme Vérité et Liberté sont une seul lumière. Je crois à l'unité divine.

Yet eight years, and Hugo was dead; yet another seven years, and Tennyson had followed him. The nineteenth century was gathering its sheaves.

I revive these memories for several reasons. First, the epithet of "weird Titan" is so exactly suited to Hugo's genius, as revealed in Prof. Saurat's new book. Secondly, Hugo's anticipation of the *Entente Cordiale* so many years before the Great War, and the address to which he sent it, are an interesting commentary on what Stopford Brooke was to write in 1894:—

> There has been no ingratitude so great in the history of humanity as the ingratitude of Europe to France, and Tennyson represented with great vividness this ingratitude in England.

Thirdly, the merging of Truth and Liberty in an identity of light, and the belief in divine unity, expressed almost casually in a letter in 1877, become in 1929 an object of academic study, and occupy the pen of a French professor, resident, to our great advantage, in London, who has already won esteem by his investigation of sublimity in Milton and of mysticism in Blake. Hugo's politics, writes our author on page 204, are

> a penetration of liberty and truth into all social relations. The world, in its evolution towards God, gravitates towards the light, and nothing can stop it.

The Reaction Against Hugo.

The long interval has not been empty. It is not only in England that there has been a reaction against the nineteenth century, and much of the criticism of Hugo during the last few years has been a reconstruction of his thought and a reconsideration of his fame, in reply to the well-known works of E. Biré, in three volumes—"Victor Hugo Before 1830," "After 1830," and "After 1852." The effect of this work may be judged (summarily, as is inevitable in this context) by the footnotes to the eleventh edition of Lanson's classic "History of French Literature." Revising in 1909 what he had written in 1894, Lanson admitted that his sketch of Hugo

> stood in need of retouching. It had been imposed under the influence of the artificial and lavishly documented researches of Biré.

Whether or not English opinion will come back to the ecstatic Hugo-worship of Swinburne, who wrote the article in the "Encyclopædia Britannica," it is never likely again to decline into the iconoclasm of Biré.

Hugo the Cabalist.

Prof. Saurat strictly limits himself to his set subject of Hugo's religion, if, indeed, we may speak of limits in that connection. For he expands to a remarkable extent the previous frontiers of his theme, and, as M. Fernaud Cregh says in a brief preface to this volume,

> il ouvre sur l'homme et l'œuvre des horizons immenses.

Chiefly this expansion is due—not by any means unexpectedly to readers of our author's book on Blake—to his direct study of the Cabala, and particularly of the mystical Hebrew work, which took shape and had its vogue in the thirteenth century, the "Zohar," or "Brightness." The "Zohar" was multiplied in its own century, and printed in the next, and it shed its beams on later mystics in every century and country, including Quakers, Fifth Monarchy men, and Cambridge Platonists in England. It is not possible here to follow this difficult and fascinating lead. But Prof. Saurat proves conclusively—and this part of the argument is quite simple—that Hugo enjoyed and employed an opportunity of contact with the Cabala.

> C'est dans la Cabale qu'il a trouvé le pivot intellectuel de tout son système,

and his interest in that lore was stimulated by his intimate friendship with a certain Alexandre Weill, an Alsatian Jew, who first came to Paris in 1836. He brought letters of introduction from Heine, and he has his place in biographical dictionaries as a *littérateur*. But his influence on Victor Hugo, and on the thought of Europe which he inspired, is a new contribution to literary history.

IN POST-WAR EUROPE.

"Albania: The Rise of a Kingdom." By J. Swire, F.R.G.S. (Williams and Norgate. 30s.)
"The Black Forest: Its People, History and Traditions." By Christopher Marlowe. (Bodley Head. 8s. 6d.)

Post-war Europe, from two of its many facets, is revealed in these books. Mr. Swire, in his authoritative story of Albania, has produced the first full and comprehensive record of a country which has had many ups and downs in the past fifty years. The full chronology of events during that period, ending with the proclamation of Ahmed Zogu as king in September, 1928, with which the book opens, is typical of the care with which the author has delved into Albania's history and which is revealed further in the 550 pages that follow. He recognises, of course, that half a century of struggle, in which Albania has risen from being part of a ramshackle empire to an independent State, is only the beginning. The history of the Albanian kingdom has yet to be made, but his survey gives reason to hope that under sagacious rule the hopes of Albania's friends will be fulfilled.

Mr. Marlowe's little book aims at revealing the attractiveness of the German Black Forest, which, although only seventeen hours distant from London, is little known among English holidaymakers. Particularly does he emphasize the facilities for winter sports. Describing changes brought about by the war, he says Germans to-day are pleasant, urbane, and peaceful, courteous to the stranger, and especially so if he be English. Nor is it necessary to be able to speak the language. Most hotels have an English-speaking staff, while everywhere are Verkehrsburo (tourist offices) to assist travellers.

CÆSARISM DOWN THE AGES.

"The Mantle of Cæsar." Translated from the German of Friedrich Gundolf by Jacob Wittner Hartmann. (Grant Richards and Humphrey Toulmin. 15s.)

This is a volume on whose appearance every lover of history can be heartily congratulated. It is indeed a very notable achievement, remarkable alike for vigour of thought, virility of style, and depth and extent of learning, and it has been so excellently translated that to the English student it reads like an original. That it belongs to what is nowadays the discredited school of historical thought, of which Carlyle was the most powerful expounder, detracts little from its value as a magazine of historical fact, and nothing at all from its value as a gallery of historical scenes and portraits, painted with an enchanting dash, brio, and breadth of effect. Herr Gundolf writes with what Mr. Kipling calls 'the conviction which nails the work to the wall." Cæsar himself, and the many other great historical figures who, in greater or lesser measure, reproduced his personality—Justinian, Charlemagne, Frederick Barbarossa, Napoleon, and a host of minor personalities—live in his pages. His summing-up of the great Roman, as seen through the mind of Julian, may be taken as a typical specimen of his style—"A man of unbridled pride of huge force of mind and body, without a conscience, but full of natural greatness of mind, the conqueror of the circle of earth, the founder of an unrighteous throne, the first emperor-god and competitor of Zeus—so Cæsar appears for the last time as a distinct heroic figure to the cultured mind of antiquity, when he is conjured up by antiquity's last pagan ruler." Somebody spoke of Carlyle's "French Revolution" as "history revealed by flashes of lightning." The phrase is illuminatingly true of Herr Gundolf's book.

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King Edward was so many-sided that it will need many books to exhaust him. An authoritative view of him will be given in "King Edward VII. and his Court," by the late Sir Lionel Cust, which will be one of Mr. Murray's plums for the spring. As Surveyor of the King's Pictures, Gentleman Usher, and as a personal friend, Sir Lionel had unusual opportunities of knowing the whole scene.

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A very lively book which will appeal strongly to women is Frau Ludendorff's "My Married Life with Ludendorff," which made a sensation in Germany last year. As translated by Raglan Somerset, it will be published by Hutchinson on Friday. Nothing quite so frank has appeared since the books by the wives of two (British) novelists.

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Mr. Ashley Gibson, who has written for Dent his autobiography as "Postscript to Adventure," which ranges from gold mining in Central Africa to editing papers in the Far East, was an officer in the same infantry brigade in France as Mr. Robert Graves and yet never met him. It will be interesting to see how his reaction to the war compares with the spirit of "Good-bye to All That."

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Further light on Tennyson's circle will be thrown by Mr Arthur Brookfield's "Annals of a Chequered Life," which Mr. Murray will publish. Mr. Brookfield, who is now 77, started life, after coming from Cambridge, in the 15th Hussars, and sat as member for Rye for eight years; he became Consul at Dantzig, and after that in Savannah. Tennysonians gratefully remember his mother's charming glimpses into the Laureate's circle, which also figure in the reminiscences of his witty actor brother, "Charlie" Brookfield.

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An extremely interesting book, "My Six Years in the Black Watch," has been written by Mr. John Gordon, the uncle of the President of Magdalen. Mr. Gordon was in the ranks of the Black Watch for six years during the Egyptian campaigns of the early eighties, and after that went to America, took the Law course at Harvard, where he graduated LL.B., and is now a distinguished lawyer in Boston. His excellent book deserves to be published in this country. Another uncle of the President, the late Dr. Angier Gordon, of Boston, who died in November, was also a vivid writer.

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I shall be very keen to see the first novel, "The Red Wagon," by Lady Eleanor Smith, Lord Birkenhead's daughter, which Mr. Gollancz is to publish, for it deals with one of my hobbies, the circus, on which my enthusiastic friend, Mr. Willson Disher, has written a long history, so far without a publisher. It may be remembered that Mr. Shane Leslie gave us a peep at circus life in a novel.

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Semi-autobiographic fiction, of which one of the best modern examples is Mr. Morley Roberts's picture of George Gissing, will be increased by E. V. de Fontmell's "Life at a Venture," which will be issued by Eric Partridge next week. It introduces, *inter alios*, that very curious character "Baron Corvo," Oscar Browning, R. H. Benson, and Axel Munthe, whose "Story of San Michele" has proved such a success.

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It is a curious fact that January is producing three new quarterlies—*The Royal Air Force Quarterly*, *The Window*, which will be issued by Eric Partridge, who also edits and contributes to it, and *The Political Quarterly*, issued by Macmillan, with an editorial board which includes Mr. Keynes and Mr. Laski.

J. M. B.

"IN THEIR HABIT AS THEY LIVED."

"Great Ones of Ancient Egypt: Portraits by Winifred Brunton, Historical Studies by various Egyptologists." (Hodder and Stoughton. 42s.)

Reviewed by H. C. MINCHIN.

Whether or no the fifteen portraits in this handsome volume faithfully reproduce the features and expression of their originals—and this is a matter which precludes certainty, and upon which opinion will be divided—they are of singular interest and beauty. We have here a second instalment of Mrs. Brunton's bold enterprise and fine artistry, a proof, let us hope, that her earlier achievements in this kind, which appeared just four years ago, did not lack appreciation. Her method, lest it be unfamiliar to any reader, is to study all available likenesses of a given subject, be they sculptured in the round or in relief, and thence to produce a composite portrait. The knowledge, skill, and imagination requisite for such a task are plainly great; but Mrs. Brunton has proved that she possesses them to a very considerable degree. As a colourist she could hardly be surpassed; here, it is evident, she has sought and found inspiration in the tombs of kings.

Mycerinus.

The translation of any sculptured form into terms of paint and canvas must include an element of conjecture; and the scantiness of historical records was another obstacle in the painter's path. Thus we inevitably look with less confidence on the portrait of Menes, first lord of Egypt, despite recent discoveries as to his conquest of Libya, than we do on that of Menkauré (Mycerinus), with whose tragic and romantic story Herodotus, and after him Matthew Arnold, have familiarised us. Mrs. Brunton's Menkauré has decidedly the look of one determined to get all the enjoyment possible out of a shortened span of life. Of few Egyptian potentates, indeed, have we such a detailed account as we have of this Mycerinus. The fact wrings from one of Mrs. Brunton's collaborators, Mr. Battiscombe Gunn, an almost despairing cry: "Egyptian history, as it has to be called, is a shell of names, records, buildings, statuary, imposing on the surface in its immense perspectives; but within, empty as an empty house." That is going too far: a great deal, for instance, is known of the reign of Akenhaten, who, in his zeal to reform the religion of his countrymen, let their material interests slide. But we may not expect the history of Egypt to unroll itself before our eyes as those of Greece and Rome have done. The sands of time and of the desert have done their work of obliteration all too well.

Historical Value of Portraiture.

It is not surprising that Egyptologists, in their anxiety to recapture a vision of the past, should incline to over-emphasize the value of portraiture. They invite faces of stone to reveal events and conditions not committed to papyrus, or which, if so committed, have perished. Dr. James Baikie, who writes the introduction to this volume, argues, seeking an English analogy, that "our knowledge of the English society of the time is vivified and made real to us almost as much by the brush of Reynolds as by the pen of Boswell." Be that as it may, we have the printed records in abundance, as well as the portraits; whereas Egyptian records are, in comparison, exiguous and sparse, though there is a multitude of portrait-statues. Nevertheless, the brilliant conjectures of Mrs. Brunton's brush do help to bring the remote past nearer. Her "unnamed lady" conjures up a vanished and mysterious epoch. Her "King Haremhab," sketched against a sunset sky, his brows heavy with the long cares of statesmanship, fills to the brooding imagination one gap, at any rate, in the fragmentary annals of the land of Cleopatra and of Memnon.

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AUCTION.

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St. Leonard's-on-Sea.

These were the only competitors who made no error in the character of the bid, but only in its size in some cases.

The bidding situations in the Competition were selected with the idea of illustrating useful points of view, the majority of which have been discussed in this column. Simple and not involved situations were selected where Auction and Contract bidding could be contrasted.

No. 1.

Score immaterial: Z (dealer), "No Bid"; A, "One Spade." What should Y say, holding Spades, K, x; Hearts, A, J, x; Diamonds, K, Q, x; Clubs, A, J, 10, x, x?

Auction: "Double." Contract: "Double."

The principal consideration here is that as the partner has passed and is, therefore, weak in Quick Tricks, he cannot have sufficient reentry cards to enable Y to play the hand successfully in "No-trumps," having in view the fact that there is only one guard in Spades, which is lost after the first lead. The hand is best played in Z's strongest suit, so he must be made to show this suit in both Auction and Contract.

Nearly half of the competitors were correct in this bid.

No. 2.

Score immaterial: Z (dealer), "One No-trump." What should A say, holding Spades, Q, x; Hearts, A, J, 10, 9, 8; Diamonds, K, Q, J, x, x; Clubs, x?

Auction: "Two Hearts." Contract: "Two Hearts."

This is too strong a hand to sit tight on with the assurance of saving the game by leading the King of Diamonds. It must be bid as a two-suit hand, Hearts first. The size of the bid is here the same for both Contract and Auction.

The majority of competitors got this bid right.

No. 3.

Score immaterial: Z (dealer) bid "One Heart"; A, "No Bid." What should Y say, holding Spades, K, J, x; Hearts, x, x, x; Diamonds, A, Q, x, x; Clubs, K, J, x?

Auction: "One No-trump." Contract: "Two No-trumps."

The feature of this hand is that it consists largely of tenaces where there is a great advantage in being led up to. Y must take out into "No-trumps"; the strength of the hand warranting a bid of "Two No-trumps" in Contract.

Many competitors were right in this bidding.

No. 4.

Score immaterial; Z (dealer), "One No-trump"; A, "No Bid." What should Y say, holding Spades, x; Hearts, K, J, 10; Diamonds, x; Clubs, A, J, 10, x, x, x, x, x?

Auction: "Four Clubs." Contract: "Five Clubs."

After a bid of "One No-trump" from the partner, there must be a certainty of game in Clubs on this hand in Contract from any score, and there is no risk in bidding "Five Clubs." In Auction a bid of "Four Clubs" is a firm denial of the partner's "No-trump" bid, and will be more informative than beginning with "Two Clubs" and taking out the partner's successive bids into more Club bids.

There was a variety of bidding in this case.

No. 5.

Score immaterial; Z (dealer), "One No-trump"; A, "Double"; Y, "No Bid"; B, "No Bid." What should Z say, holding Spades, K, J, 10; Hearts, K, 10, x, x; Diamonds, A, 10, x; Clubs, Q, J, 9?

Auction: "Redouble." Contract: "Redouble."

The feature of this hand is that although of a sound "No-trump" type, yet it can be very unlucky if Dummy has nothing, as is clear in this case when B passed A's "Double." On the few occasions when Z would get the lead he would be at a great disadvantage in having to lead away from such a hand. Y must have a four-card suit, and the hand is best played in Y's long suit. Z must therefore redouble to make Y bid. This applies equally in Auction or Contract.

Only a small proportion of competitors got this bid right.

No. 6.

Score immaterial: Z (dealer) bid "One Heart"; A doubled. What should Y say, holding Spades, A, Q, 10; Hearts, 10, x, x; Diamonds, K, 10, x; Clubs, A, Q, 9, 8?

Auction: "Redouble." Contract: "Redouble."

It is clear to Y here that B has made a rather weak double and that A must have a very weak hand. Y is therefore prepared to play the hand against any adverse declaration for a remunerative penalty, and the best way of conveying this information to his partner is by redoubling. This applies equally in Auction and Contract, and has the advantage in the latter of being a game bid from a love score.

A fair proportion of competitors got the correct reply here.

No. 7.

Score immaterial: Z (dealer), "No Bid"; A, "No Bid." What should Y say, holding Hearts, K, J, 10, x, x, x, x, x; Diamonds, Q, J, 9, Clubs, A, J?

Auction: "Four Hearts." Contract: "Four Hearts."

In both Auction and Contract (even when vulnerable) Y must pre-empt to the full value of his hand, in this case making a bid of not less than "Four Hearts"

There were many correct replies here.

No. 8.

Score: Game all; YZ 16 (60 in Contract). Z (dealer), "One Heart"; A, "One Spade." What should Y say, holding Hearts, Q, x, x, x; Diamonds, A, K, x, x, x, x; Clubs, K, J, 10?

Auction: "Three Hearts. Contract: "Four Hearts" or "Two Spades."

There is little to choose here between a bid of "Two Hearts" and one of "Three Hearts" in Auction; "Three Hearts," however, more accurately interprets the support, while "Four Hearts" has an unnecessary shutting-out semblance on so good a hand. In Contract, as it is evident there are strong Slam possibilities in Y's hand, there are two ways of signalling this (and consequently two replies): one is by a bid of "Two Spades," which has the double effect of confirming the business suit and at the same time showing no losing tricks in Spades; the other way is by raising the confirming bid unnecessarily high. The latter method is more usual in British circles, where a possible ambiguity is abhorred. As to the size of the bid, A bid of "Three Hearts" would have sufficed as a Slam signal at the score, but on Y's hand is not considered a strong enough signal, especially as A has joined in the bidding. A bid of "Four Hearts" at least must be made.

No. 9.

Score: love all; Hearts are trumps. A has led the Ace and another Club, taken by B's Queen. What should B now lead? Dummy's hand contains Spades, A, J, 9; Hearts, K, 10, x; Diamonds, K, Q, J, 9, x; and B holds

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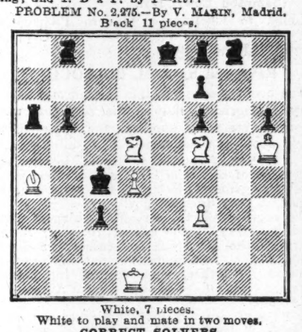
CHESS.

By L. VAN VLIET.

Solution of Problem No. 2,274: 1. Kt—B4, K x Kt; 2. Q x P mate. If any other defence, then, 2. Kt mates at Kt2, or Q5, accordingly. 1. Kt—Kt7 is defeated by any move, except by the King; and 1. B x P, by P—Kt7!

PROBLEM No. 2,275.—By V. MARIN, Madrid.
Black 11 pieces.



White, 7 pieces.
White to play and mate in two moves.

CORRECT SOLVERS.

Additional correct solutions of Problem No. 2,273 are acknowledged from Abdahab, E. A. Chamberlain, Dr. G. W. Cheater, Cyrus, E. J. Gibbs, L. H. Kettle, F. H. Merrick, J. P. Orr, H. C. Robson, and W. Ward.

Additional solutions of End-Game Study (by W. Holzhausen) err in analysis: 1. B—B5, draws only, after: Q—R7 (ch); 2. K—Kt sq! Q—Kt6!! For, if Q x Q, the King is stalemate; and if 3. any other move, the King escapes from KRS, and should draw.

1. B—K4, Q—R7 (ch); 2. K—B3 (!), draws only, after Q—R6 (ch); 3. K—Kt4, P—B4 (ch)! 4. B x P, Q—QKt6! Or 3. K—B4, Q—B8 (ch); etc. And, 1. B—R4, Q—R7 (ch); 2. K—Kt sq, Q—Kt7; 3. Q—R7 (ch), Q—R7; 4. Q—Kt6 (!), does not win, because of Q—Kt sq (ch); etc.

For the benefit of a correspondent who suggests that Black should play 6. . . . Q—Kt sq (ch); instead of P—B4; we point out, that P—B4 is the only hope for a draw, for, if 7. B x P, then, Q—Kt6! Whereas, Q—Kt sq (ch) is useless, on account of 7. K—B sq, Q—R7; 8. B—Q3, etc. 1. B—Kt6, Q—R7 (ch); 2. K—Kt sq, P—B4! 3. B x P, Q—Kt6!! draws.

Correct solutions of Problem No. 2,274 have been received from I. M. Brown, Clephane, Heureka, W. R. Rayer, M. E. M. Jago, N. G. Westbrook, H. St. John-Brooks, Stuart Brown, H. W. Meadows, J. Barri Brown, A. R. Hester, T. D. Heald, J. H. Hardman Brown, N. R. Lawrie, F. H. Summers, Ethel Cook, G. H. Bond, C. R. Smith, T. C. Jones, G. C. Jeaffreson, Sapere Aude, S. F. Powell, E. A. Lassen, J. I. Binks, Rev. W. Scott, A. Wingate, Tramp, F. Ditchfield, Horace H. King, R. H. Kettle, J. R. Wilson, Vane, J. W. Pearson, F. Whitgift, E. C. de Segundo, C. White, S. H. Hossell, J. E. Vaughan, A. J. D. Stewart, Stanley Baker, S. W. Garrod, Edgley, H. H. Greenway, F. P. Younghusband, P. Martin, M. Nierenstein, H. T. Asche, C. E. Craig, H. C. Robson, A. E. H., Ballygiblin, F. E. Peake, D. P. Bertin, F. Hurst, G. F. Russell, A. V. H. Sladen, Abdahab, A. Ward, W. Friedland, F. Bourne, A. F. Scott, F. E. P. E., S. D. Gibson, Gerrard, W. B. Walker, G. M. Sainsbury, W. Winter, Cyrus, and J. Silbersweig.

RE END-GAME STUDY.—BY A. TROITZKY.

The many solvers who sent in analysis, beginning 1. B—Q sq, are informed that this does not win if Black defends accurately. Nor will 1. P—R6?

A correct solution is acknowledged from C. R. Smith (Leicester). The solution is held over.

SUCCESS OF MR. F. D. YATES AT HASTINGS.

The following very interesting game was played by Mr. F. D. Yates, versus the Hungarian master, M. A. Takacs, in the recent Premier Tournament at Hastings:—

ALEKHINE'S DEFENCE.

White. F. D. Yates.	Black. A. Takacs.	White. F. D. Yates.	Black. A. Takacs.
1 P—K4	KKt—B3	27 R—QR4	B—Q sq (f)
2 P—K5	Kt—Q4	28 K—B sq	R—B6
3 P—Q4	P—Q3	29 P—Kt4	R—B5
4 KKt—B3	B—Kt5	30 K—K2	R—R5 ? (g)
5 B—QB4	P x P (a)	31 P—B4 !	R x RP
6 P x P	P—K3	32 R—R sq !	B—B2
7 P—KR3	B—R4	33 R—Q sq	P—B3
8 Castles	B—K2	34 R—Kt sq	K—Q2
9 Q—K2	P—QB3	35 K—Q3	R—R5
10 QKt—Q2	Kt—Q2	36 R—Q sq !	P—KKt4 (h)
11 B x Kt	BP x B	37 P x P	P x P
12 P—B4 !	Kt—Kt3	38 B x KKtP	R—R4 (i)
13 P x P	Q x P (b)	39 K—B4 (dis. ch)	K—B sq
14 P—QR4	QR—B sq		
15 P—R5	Kt—B5	40 P—B4	R—R6
16 Kt x Kt	Q x Kt	41 K—Kt5	R—R sq
17 Q x Q	B x Q	42 B—B6	R—Kt sq
18 P—R6 !	P—QKt3 (c)	43 R—KR sq	B—Q sq
19 B—K3 (d)	B x Kt	44 K—B6 !	B x B
20 P x B	K—Q2 ? (e)	45 P x B	R—Q sq
21 KR—Q sq (ch)	K—B2	46 R—R7 !	R—B sq
22 P—Kt3	R—B3	47 K—Q6 !	R—Q sq
23 R—R4	R—Q sq	48 R—Kt7 !	K—K sq
24 R x R	K x R	49 K—B7	R—R sq
25 R—KKt4	P—Kt3	50 R—Kt sq !	R—B sq
26 R—Q4 (ch)	K—K sq	51 R—Q sq	R signs (j)

(a) Not, Kt—Kt3; 6. B x P (ch)! K x B; 7. Kt—Kt5 (ch)!

(b) Better seems, Kt x P; and if 14. Q—Kt5 (ch), Q—Q2.

(c) And here, P x P; 19. R x P, B—B4.

(d) Threatening 20. B x P, P x B; 21. P—B7!

(e) Castles was, at least, as good; and safer.

(f) M. Takacs (pronounced, "Tahkahtch") appears to have been in poor form. Instead of text move, B—B4 would have been better.

(g) A fatal judgment error, resulting in the Rook being put out of play. Comparatively better was, P—QKt4; 31. R—R2, R—B2.

(h) The pawn has to be returned, at disadvantage, in order to free his Rook.

(i) If R x P, 39. K—B3 (dis. ch).

(j) The ending of this game must be added to historical classical end-games. Mr. Yates's manœuvring, starting with 31. P—B4, until the finish, was as instructive as it was masterly. His success at Hastings—ahead of Maroczy, Takacs, and the other English competitors—gives fair promise for his success at the tournament, beginning next Wednesday, at San Remo, where he will be the only British master.

C. H. H. (Brighton) is thanked for problem.

ACROSTICS.

DOUBLE ACROSTIC No. 1,303.
(The Sixth of the Quarter.)

First, a pair that many a poet
Made the subject of his rhyme:
Next, a sound—how well we know it!—
Which denotes the march of time.
Former pallid? Well, no matter!
If the girl is up-to-date,
Whole in just one half a latter
Renders both quite roseate.

1. The extreme? Some may allege
That she is the outside edge.
2. Scare her? It can not be done;
You will find that date has gone.
3. Unpoetic, passionless;
Is she thus in fashion? Yes!
4. Yet this desert potentate
She might welcome for a mate. SILEX.

Solutions, addressed to the Acrostic Editor, must reach the office of the SUNDAY TIMES, *185, Strand, London, W.C.2, not later than by first post on Friday next*

DOUBLE ACROSTIC No. 1,302, AND ANSWER.

Two adjuncts we behold of Christmastide,
When hospitable doors are open wide.

1. The day seen here
Is apt this year.
2. In this farewell
Good wishes dwell.
3. At rest, but may
Spirit display.
4. To bird add years,
And town appears.
5. Through counsel spurned,
To death he turned.
6. Powerless we view,
Unsheltered too.
7. One name of three
For bird we see.

									W.	J.	B.
1.	W	E	D	N	E	S	D	A	Y.		
2.	A		D		I		E		U.		
3.	S		T		I		L		L.		
4.	S	W		A	N		A	G	E.		
5.	A	H	I	T	O	P	H	E	L.		
6.	I		M			P			O.		
7.	L	A		P	W	I	N	G.			

NOTES.—Light 5. The rebellion of Absalom; or Achitophel, as in Dryden. Asshel—earlier in the Second Book of Samuel—also answers. 6. Impotent.

Acrostic No. 1,301 *(January: New Year)*.—Correct answers were received from 280 solvers, incorrect answers from 90, and there were two without any pseudonym.

GEEL.—"Emotive" does not answer the light.

MARTHA.—Of course, "Rosabella," one of the best of the derivatives, was included.

Spades, K, x, x; Hearts, x, x; Diamonds, A, x, x, x; Clubs, K, x, x.

Auction and Contract: A small Spade or the King of Spades.

The play is, of course, the same in Auction and Contract. It is clear to B that his only hope of saving the game is to make a trick in Spades before Z takes out the Ace of Diamonds and discards his losing Spades on the long Diamonds after drawing trumps. The game is gone if A has not the Queen of Spades, and B must consequently play for this chance.

Many wrong replies were received to this query.

No. 10.

Score: Love all; Spades are trumps. B has not called. What should A lead from Spades, K, x, x; Hearts, A, Q, 10, x; Diamonds, K, 10, x; Clubs, Q, 10, x?

Auction and Contract: A small Spade.

From a hand like A's *with so many tenaces*, it is best to lose the initial lead in the safest way, and here the lead of a small trump is indicated.

As in the case of the last query, many wrong replies were received to this one.

A list of recent Portland Club Decisions and Answers to Correspondents are unavoidably held over. The latter will, where possible, be sent by post.

THE NEW HEBRIDES

A PRIMITIVE LAND.

COPRA-SHIPPING AND ITS DIFFICULTIES.

By ALEC WAUGH.

They are far away: so far that the majority of people do not realise that they in part belong to us; so far that the average traffic agent would look very blank if you were to ask him the best way of getting to Port Vila. Nor when you get to it is it much to look at. A single row of houses, affairs of wood and tin, along the flank of a little bay. They are stores, those houses, for the most part, with a post office, and a hotel and a club—a bar, that is to say, where you sign for your drinks instead of paying for them. In half an hour you have seen all there is to see, and "if this," you say, "is the commercial centre of the New Hebrides, that's as much as I care to know about them."

LIVING DANGEROUSLY.

Little, indeed, is known of them. They are South Sea Islands, but you will search in vain through Santo and Malicula for the soft hues, soft scents, soft glances of Loti's paradise. It is a harsh, hostile, fever-ridden archipelago that lies to the north-east of New Caledonia. New Guinea and certain islands of the Solomon group are more primitive. But out of Africa they are the only part of the world that is. The islands of the New Hebrides are mountainous. It is only along the narrow strip of beach where the cultivation of coffee and copra is possible that any form of civilisation exists. The bush is savage; cannibal in certain islands. And the planters are few whose bodies do not bear the scar of rifle shot and knife wound. There is usually a war of some sort going on.

"They call it a war, at least," one of the district officers told me. "It's really more like a feud between two gangs of bootleggers in Chicago. They wait till they find one of the other side alone; then they do him in."

IN THE BUSH.

I went up with him into the bush. Life there was simply arranged. The conditions of savagery are practical and clean. It is only where primitive peoples have been forced to adopt European customs that you find an atmosphere of squalor. The long huts in which they sleep, thirty or forty of them—the men and women sleep in separate huts—are well-kept and airy dormitories. Scarcely any clothes are worn, which is the only healthy way of living in a hot climate of which it is said that for six months it rains and then the wet season starts. Each woman has a certain plot of ground that is hers to cultivate. The men do a little hunting when they feel disposed. Their pigs are their chief concern. The pig is the gauge of income and the medium of exchange. It is with pigs that you buy your wives. You may have as many wives as you have pigs. A good wife is worth twelve pigs. On the protruding roots of trees you will find cut the notches that are the proof of the transaction. Most of the island quarrels are waged round pigs. A wife after a year of marriage returns to her parents in revolt. The husband demands the return of his twelve pigs. The parents maintain that a year of such a consort was worth at least six pigs. The husband retorts that two represent the extreme limit of her value. That in the New Hebrides is how a war begins. It is half comic opera and half real earnest.

PLANTER'S LIFE.

For the planter himself it is earnest enough. He stands alone in his battle against man and nature; against hostile natives, against fever, against typhoons. He has to build his house, recruit his labour, plant and supervise his property. For weeks on end he will not see more than a couple of other white men. He is the king and parliament of the section of country to which his property has brought prosperity and order. He has to maintain justice. The machinery of the law is many miles away. He is the Selfridge of his district. Every morning you will see workmen from his plantation, "fellow belong bush," naked girls and children from the hills gathered round his store to buy such small articles as their means afford. He has to be the Harley Street as well. He has a surgery and a dispensary. Without medical training he has to deal with the tropical diseases of whose nature medical science is still ignorant; the fevers, the loathsome sores, the wounds that have gangrened with neglect. A planter with whom I stayed was once faced with the alternative of amputating a man's arm or letting him die of blood poisoning. He operated—and successfully.

COMIC OPERA SPIRIT.

The New Hebrides are as remote from civilisation as any place in the world could be: so remote indeed that even the ownership of them is undecided. They are run, in the spirit of comic opera, by a condominium; a joint French-English rule with a Spanish judge as a neutral arbiter. How long they will remain so may be doubted. It is the French boast that in twenty years there will not be left a British plantation in the group. At the moment it looks as though that boast was going to be justified. The situation is briefly this: It is extremely difficult, where it is not actually impossible, for the planter to find enough local labour to work his estate satisfactorily. But while the French can remedy the difficulty by importing labour from their other colonies, the British are not allowed to.

In self-defence the British planter is consequently finding himself forced to turn his plantation into a company in collaboration with a French shipping firm. Since his plantation is registered as French he will be able to import indented labour. As a return the shipping of his copra will be done by French traders, and the plantation will have ceased to be British ground. In two decades, as likely as not, the Union Jack will have ceased to fly in the New Hebrides.

It may be that it could not be otherwise, that it is impossible to make special cases with the regulations restricting indented labour. It may be that it is no great matter. The New Hebrides are few and far. But it is hard not to feel a little sad when one sees plantations whose development has been achieved by one's country-men at the cost of so much endurance, so much loss of health, passing into even an ally's hands.

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THE LANSDOWNE MARBLES

AND THEIR HISTORY.

HAMILTON AND JENKINS.

By ARTHUR MICHAEL SAMUEL, M.P., Minister for Overseas Trade, 1924-7; Financial Secretary to the Treasury 1927-9.

It may be opportune to recall some of the facts surrounding the formation of the Lansdowne collection of ancient marbles.

The second Earl of Shelburne, who formed it, was created Marquess of Lansdowne in 1784. He had purchased in 1768 Shelburne, afterwards Lansdowne, House from Lord Bute, and had travelled in Italy in 1771. The Lansdowne collection is among the last of the existing collections of ancient sculptures gathered together in England about 150 years ago. It was formed at the same time as the Townley collection of marbles, now the pride of the British Museum. The principal agents who assisted in making the Townley collection and the Lansdowne House collection were two painters, but, as painters, they are not now usually recalled. One was Jenkins, who, as an artist, had accompanied to Rome Richard Wilson, the great English landscape painter. Jenkins learnt much in his company, though apparently not of painting, and having amassed a considerable fortune by favour of Pope Clement XIV., became the principal English banker in Rome; on the arrival of the French, however, he was driven from the city, and all his property was confiscated by them. He fled to England, and died at Great Yarmouth immediately on his landing, after a storm at sea, in 1798. The other was Gavin Hamilton, of Murdieston, a portrait painter, who had spent most of his life at Rome, where he ultimately died of fright during the French invasion of 1797.

A REMARKABLE PARTNERSHIP.

They dabbled at first as collectors for their own pleasure, and as amateurs. But by degrees both took seriously to selling for profit, and at length were able to gather around them a valuable circle of customers. Jenkins financed the partnership, and Hamilton was the salesman. As time went on, Hamilton found his above-ground supply of *objets d'art*, provided by Francesco Piranesi and others, less than enough to meet the demand of his customers; he forthwith turned to excavating, and with capital success. Francesco Piranesi should not be confused with his father, Giovanni Battista Piranesi the etcher. To Gavin Hamilton certainly must be given the credit for having played the chief part in getting together one or more of the collections which, in course of time, went to form the British Museum.

It fell to Hamilton's good fortune to deal with such treasures of the Villa Montalto as remained from the collection gathered together there by Sixtus V. (1585), while that Pope was still Cardinal Peretti de Montalto; but the supply of fine things ran short of the demands of Hamilton's customers. And the Villa Montalto stood on no ordinary soil. It occupied the spot which once had been the garden of Mæcenas, with all its masterpieces. Nor could Jenkins materially assist in keeping pace with the demand, though good fortune afforded him the opportunity of stripping, not only the Villa d'Este at Tivoli, but also the Villa Mattei.

THE PANTANELLO SWAMP.

The clamours of Hamilton's and Jenkins's eager buyers were difficult to satisfy, and therefore, it is said, Jenkins caused cameos and intaglios to be made, and, on propitious nights, planted teeming furrows of them in the ruins of the Colosseum. The abundant harvest followed in proper season. He then passed on to the next step in the rotation, and sowed a crop of sepulchral urns bearing attractive but ill-fitting inscriptions. Joseph Nollekens, R.A., relates, says "Rainy Day" Smith, that he saw Jenkins's men preparing the cameos, and that Jenkins gave him a "whole handful to say nothing about the matter to anyone else but myself."

Farming under such conditions could not fail to be lucrative, and Hamilton then looked around for an increased acreage of likely soil. His next move was to turn an inquisitive spade in the grounds of the Villa of Hadrian at Tivoli. The Villa had, even prior to that date, yielded many fine things. He drained a swamp there in 1769, and dug. The swamp itself was the bed of the Lake Pantanello; it lay about two miles from Tivoli, and, although formerly a portion of Hadrian's [illegible] villa, was at that time the property of the Lolli family. An excavation had already been made on the site by that family, but Hamilton determined to re-investigate the spot. Hamilton's men found an outlet for the water of Pantanello by working a passage to an old drain cut in the tufa. They worked for weeks by lamplight up to the knees in stagnant slime, full of toads and serpents, but found little—Lolli having already discovered all there was. Some labourers, however, who formerly had been employed by Lolli, put the explorers on a fresh scent, and a hole containing trunks of trees was at length discovered. More than sixty pieces of sculpture, some of them of extreme beauty and fineness, came to light. Quantities of statues and trees, the remains, probably, of a sacred grove, were found, and, of the sculptures taken from the hole, the following were bought by Lord Shelburne at the costs noted, and are at Lansdowne House:—

Statue of Cincinnatus	£500
Statue of Paris	200
Cupid and Psyche	300
Antinous	50
Antinous as an Egyptian Deity	75
Bust of a Victor in the Olympic Games	75
Pudicitia	50
Head of a Muse	15
Two Egyptian Idols in black marble	150
Bas-relief in black marble	50

FASHION FOR COLLECTING.

Hamilton went further afield after the neighbourhood of the Pantanello swamp had been cropped barren. He began to delve the whole district lying on the outskirts of Rome, succeeding meantime in attracting foreign sovereigns as buyers of the spoils. In fact, Hamilton and Jenkins reigned supreme in the salons as leaders of the then prevailing fashion of collecting. Catherine II., Augustus of Saxony, Ferdinand IV of Naples, and the Grand Duke of Tuscany specially distinguished themselves as collectors. Gustavus III of Sweden maintained at Rome a properly accredited Minister for the transaction of affairs connected with Art, and for no other purpose. Goethe himself, in his Winckelmann, claims that posterity is indebted to Gavin Hamilton for having widened the field from which painters could draw their subjects, for they were enabled by the study of masterpieces unearthed by Hamilton to produce work with increased correctness of drawing, and with greater regard to form.

BUYING CHEAP.

Hamilton extended his researches to Tor Colombaro, on the Appian Way. Two spots he excavated, one the site of a Temple of Domitian, and the other of a Villa of Gallienus, both the property of Cardinal Chigi, and about nine miles distant from Rome. Gallienus had robbed the temple and had transferred its contents to his own villa. The Lansdowne Marcus Aurelius (£300), the Amazon (£200), the Hermes (Meleager) (£600) owe to Hamilton their rescue

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from the soil on which the villa stood, as does the Discobolos in the Musée Pio-Clementino. In view of the prices paid for works of art at the present day, it is interesting to note in the Report of the Elgin Committee of the House of Commons that it is stated that the Lansdowne collection of Roman marbles was acquired for £7,000, and Payne Knight in his evidence before the Committee, placed the value of the collection at £11,000. Hamilton also explored Monte Cagnolo, the villa of Antoninus Pius, but as his commission from Lord Shelburne had been suspended in 1773, the Lansdowne collection contains nothing from that spot.

"SMUGGLING."

In Hamilton's letters to Lord Shelburne frequent reference is made to the necessity of "smuggling" the pieces of sculpture out of Papal dominions, as the Pope insisted upon having the first refusal of them for himself. Hamilton records that he had to do certain things for the purpose "of keeping Visconti and his companions my friends." Visconti superintended archæological researches on behalf of the Papal authorities, having succeeded Winckelmann as Surveyor of Antiquities, and he exercised that office till his death in 1784. His famous son, Ennio Quirino Visconti, produced, among other publications, a work on the inscriptions of the Jenkins collection, and followed his father in the completion of the celebrated work "Museum Pio-Clementinum." In the letter of July 1, 1773, Hamilton informs Lord Shelburne, "Piranese is come down of his price of the candelabri to 130 zechines, which, he says, is the lowest he can sell them for, so shall await your lordship's further orders." He again refers to these "candelabri of Piranese" in a letter of August 9, 1775. In a Memorandum by Lord Shelburne on his collection of sculpture (February, 1777) there is the following entry:—

Blue room.

No. 2. Urns and Vases. I have six of these in all—all very indifferent except one I bought of Dean the painter and which he had of Piranesi. It is engraved in his works.

Although the fashion of collecting had taken several years to work its way through to the highest stratum of society, it had been assisted on its journey by the habits then prevailing among the Italians. As a reaction and protest against the incessant gaieties and the thoughtless extravagances of the day, many well-placed Italians, even if comfortably endowed, had for some years maintained the thrifty but ungenial practice of not allowing their homes to be used for hospitable gatherings, or, indeed, for any simple social meeting wherein monetary outlay would be incurred.

LARDER ECONOMIES.

Every effort was made to reduce the housekeeper's expenditure to a minimum. But the leading families made it a point of honour to divert a portion of their retrenchments towards the upkeep and replenishing of family collections of works of art. Others began to study and to collect, in order to acquire stronger title to social advancement. These motives were nearly sufficient to render a fine work of art certain of obtaining proper recognition. There was an additional incentive to collecting, because the taste for gambling, always present among the idle of all countries, could be gratified by the hazard of a speculation in mining for statues and for objects of archæological interest. Among the spoils removed in after years from Italy were many pieces of sculpture which Francesco Piranesi or Hamilton or Jenkins had seen dug up, the cost of whose discovery represents an Italian noble's larder economies.

IRISH FREE STATE

RACE-GOING AND THE CHURCH.

TRIAL OF STRENGTH.

FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT.

DUBLIN, Saturday.

Those who think they see signs of a weakening in the authority of the Roman Catholic Church will have reason to reconsider their views in the light of what happened last week. The National Synod, sitting at Maynooth, recently placed a ban on horse and dog racing on Sundays and Church holidays, allowing bishops to grant exception within their dioceses in special cases. The ban in ordinary circumstances comes into effect next month. But the circumstances of Powerstown Park at Clonmel were not regarded by the Bishop of Waterford as ordinary, and by order, read in all churches last Sunday, Catholics were forbidden to attend the meeting, which was to take place on the Feast of the Epiphany, the following day. The matter has aroused much public interest. The manager and owner of the course had made public protest and caustic comments on the Bishop's action, and there was an element of inconsistency in the fact that a number of coursing meetings were permitted on the same day. It was, in fact, a trial of strength between race-going and moral authority, with public sympathy somewhat sympathetic to the former. If there was to be revolt, here was an opportunity.

Making full allowance for the bad weather, the Church most certainly prevailed. As many as ten horses were withdrawn, the second race was a walk-over, and the attendance was visibly reduced. The absence, moreover, of farmers and labourers in the locality, who usually attend these holiday meetings, was specially noticeable. Even the manager admitted that the ban had given a further setback to horse-breeding and racing as a national industry. The incident is, in itself, unimportant, but it is a significant straw. It is a reply to those who predict an anti-clerical uprising. The arrival of the Papal Nuncio and the attendant ceremonies next week, the Emancipation celebrations last summer, the still more ambitious Eucharistic Congress in Dublin in 1932, all these point to the fact that the Catholic Church for which Irishmen have sacrificed so much is still a strong, and even a growing, influence in our national and private life.

ECONOMIC BETTERMENT.

Like all parties out of office, Fianna Fail and Labour have a number of easy remedies for our economic ills. Some time ago a kind of truce was arranged and a committee of all the talents sought to find agreement. After many weary sittings issue was joined on a proposal to further the growing of wheat by the familiar and facile device of duties, bounties, and import licences. The result followed more or less on party lines, the proposal was defeated, and the committee has since dissolved. But the quacks still persist, and we continue to be told how easily we should grow richer by means of some fiscal artifice.

The meeting of the Irish Shorthorn Association, which took place last Wednesday, approached the question of economic betterment from a more practical and direct angle. The aim of this Association is to improve both the breed, milk yield, and beef qualities of our dual purpose cow. President Cosgrave opened the proceedings by dwelling upon the importance of the dairy industry. The outgoing president, Senator the Countess of Desart, whose generous efforts for Irish industry, sometimes ill-starred, are unremitting, suggested an investigation into the possibilities of winter dairying, and the meeting as a whole asked the Government to increase the amount voted annually for agriculture, which compares unfavourably with that spent on more spectacular activities.

DAIRY PROFITS.

It was, however, left to the Secretary, in his report, to offer an antidote to the magic potions of certain theorists. He gave figures to show that in eighteen years the average milk yield on tested cows has increased by 150 gallons. If this could be applied to all cows it would mean, at the price of eightpence a gallon, six million sterling annual gain to the farmers, a sum sufficient to pay all the annuities and rates. It all seems so simple, and yet its consummation is sadly remote. At present, in spite of vigorous propaganda and State grants, only 7 per cent. of the cows are under test.

At the same time, caution must be exercised in making deductions from these figures, as it must be remembered that gross and net returns are two very different things. Beyond a certain period increased yields involve more costly feeding and a diminishing margin of profit, till the optimum line is passed and a stage is reached when record yields become only a rich man's pastime. The question of economic feeding is one which has yet to be tackled, and on which more has been done on the Continent. The less educated, but not always the less practical, farmers are suspicious of increased outlay, and the failure from time to time of unorthodox practices gives them grounds for suspicion. It would be no exaggeration to say that not 5 per cent. of the so-called demesne owners or gentlemen farmers are making money to-day.

COST RECORDS.

It was for the very reason that the farmer is so suspicious of theory that demonstration in relation to costs has been often urged. "Show me the balance-sheet first and the farm afterwards" would be a searching test. It has always been urged that a demonstration farm run by county instructors to pay, or even lose, is a fantastic idea. Why is not clear, except for the growing chasm between precept and practice. In any case no similar objection applies to cost records. During the war the Department of Agriculture took costs on certain farms, which showed that after proper appropriations to reserve a true profit of 7 per cent. was secured. The continuance of this work was promised, but nothing has emerged for some time. In Denmark farmers form local associations and employ qualified men to take out their costs, and the results are published in summary. Similar information here would be of value not only to farmers themselves, but to political students.

"Our Paris Letter" will be found on page 17, column 5.

ON CIRCUIT

AN HISTORICAL SURVEY.

By LORD DARLING.

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he cannot but have admired its ingenuity. He was aware that in disputes in which the Crown was concerned concerning civil matters, it was of ancient right to refer the matter in question to a certain number of dwellers in the vicinage, to act as recognitors—and this procedure he allowed as between private persons. Here has been discovered the origin of that trial by jury, so satisfactory to the inhabitants of these islands that they incline to regard it as a law of nature, although it works well hardly anywhere else.

As a possible alternative for trial by battle in criminal cases he devised a method—the writ *de odio et atia* (envy and malice) with the result that judicial combats fell into disuse and forgetfulness—until their rediscovery in Lord Ellenborough's day led to their abolition by the fifty-ninth Statute of King George III. Apparently it had become customary in King John's time to make a charge for this writ of life and limb; for Magna Carta declares: "Nothing in future shall be given or taken for a writ of inquisition of life or limbs, but freely it shall be granted and never denied."

And now—owing to what Henry II. decreed and designed, and his grandson granted unwillingly—the King's Judges open their Commissions, the Sheriffs summon the juries, and the Circuit system continues to carry redress of public and of private wrongs throughout the land.

THE BAR.

Still, an essential part of the system remains to be mentioned—the Bar who go the Circuit, and whose Leaders are themselves associated with the Judges in the Commissions which they bring. Should it be supposed that the advocates by profession are the modern representatives of those champions who of old time did battle *coram judice*. I am not concerned to deny it, although it may not be historically established. That there always has been something soldierly about them it would be hard to disprove—for they were so universally popular when the Circuit System was at its height. Then two Judges went together to every Assize town; two Courts—one Civil, one Criminal—sat simultaneously, and the Circuit itself bore much resemblance to a regiment. All started together on the campaign. No barristers lived in any town but London. Many were country gentlemen merely seeking to gain experience of the laws they would administer as Justices of the Peace. All—leaders and juniors—met together at the Circuit Mess, where often the conversation, especially on the Oxford Circuit, was of the best and brightest. Nor did the county society fail to profit by the presence of the Bar. The Assize ball was not the least desired of the pleasures of the year, and the marriage registers of the rural parishes contain interesting stories of their own.

A CHANGED SYSTEM.

That the Circuit System has changed, and even depreciated, cannot be denied. But those plans which, a few years ago, would have rearranged it all in accordance with the Railway System are already out of date. The cavalcade of early times, the coaches of the Judges, the post-chaises in which the Counsel were accustomed to travel do not seem so strange as they lately were. Along the Ermine Way, the Fosse Way, the Watling Street, the motor-car and omnibus roll onwards to the Assize towns—and were litigants discouraged from throwing their disputes at the heads of the jurors of London, the Circuit System might well regain much of the estimation it deserves.

Ladies now practise at the Bar and sit on juries. Can they read with absolute indifference these lines, which Mr. Roscoe, in his hundred-year-old book of anecdotes, states were "handed in Court to a beautiful young lady who was attending a trial at the Warwick Assizes"?

Whilst petty offences and felonies smart,
Is there no jurisdiction for stealing one's heart?
You, fair one, will smile, and cry, "Laws, I defy you!"
Assured that no peers can be summoned to try you;
But I think not that paltry defence will secure ye
For the Muses and Graces will just make a jury.

The sequel may, perhaps, be discovered in the Register of St. Mary's Church.

"BROWN, JONES, AND ROBINSON."

To the Editor of the SUNDAY TIMES.

Sir,—The following is a copy of a letter which appeared in the SUNDAY TIMES in April, 1925, exact date not known:—

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A WANDERER'S NOTEBOOK.

WAITING.

By E. V. LUCAS.

In that popular melodrama of the past in which Wilson Barrett, half naked, played Claudian, the title part, the most memorable speech, uttered in that actor's curious fluting voice, was "Give me, ah! give me, yesterday." Were I to indulge in any similar invocation I should not confine myself to yesterday (although yesterday, with to-day's knowledge of what won the 3.30—and indeed all the other races—should be a very profitable gift); I should ask for only a small proportion of the time I have spent in waiting. Waiting for trains, waiting for guests; waiting even for hosts; waiting for plays to begin; waiting (most of all) for the dilatory Fair. Then, the wish granted, should I live for ever.

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Latterly a new form of waiting has been offered to the world, and this, as part of the destiny of one who always gets there in time, I have just been tasting. I refer to waiting for aeroplanes to arrive, a new experience, and, when there is the kind of fog which shrouded the Croydon aeroplane on the day which I am now remembering, a protracted one and a cheerless. Anxious, too, for the air is far from being conquered—old Dame Nature is not so fond of machinery as all that—and one does not creep to Croydon through vaporised pea-soup for the pleasure of greeting a foe.

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When waiting for an aeroplane, whether there is fog or not, one's first course is to visit the desk, in the big hall, where the time-table is kept, for this tells when the machine left its starting point, and what are the probabilities. When the sky is clear it is not difficult to make an accurate forecast as to arrival; but with a fog—that is to say when Dame Nature has a laugh to herself—no one can predict anything. "We know that it left Paris," says the official. "We know that it reached the Channel. But when it will land is the problem. Perhaps here, but more likely either at Biggin Hill or Lenshurst, or even Lympne." An agreeable prospect for those who wait at Croydon; but even less so for those now hovering, cold and nervous, three thousand feet up. If it is to be Lympne, my sympathies are indeed with them, for twice have I suffered the pangs of a forced landing at that bleak desert, far from humanity, where one shivers until taxis can be lured from the rank at Hythe to convey one to Folkestone for the next train. I have been talking as though waiting at Croydon were an infliction. It may not be too homelike there; but waiting at Lympne for a taxi and then waiting at Folkestone for a train—that is a penance if you like; and it is then that the vaunted advantages of flying become, if ever, suspect. The last time we came down at Lympne, in a chill white mist, I reached Cannon Street Station at 2 a.m. No wonder I lay wreaths at the foot of the statue of Santos Dumont.

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Having finished with the keeper of the time-table, you pass to the chart on the west wall of the big hall to learn what are the flying conditions over the Continent. By means of little movable squares, ranging in colour from pure blue to yellow, the state of the atmosphere at Le Bourget and at Essen, at Brussels and Beauvais, at a given hour, is revealed. Pure blue means an untroubled sky. Yellow means fog. Between these extremes are a dozen mixed hues; but yellow is the least desirable. To-day the blues extend from all the foreign stations as far as the coast of Kent and Sussex, and then the yellows begin to appear.

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Although it is useless, you now ascend to the roof to scan the heavens. A man on the look-out is doing the same, through field glasses. Below stretches away the great aerodrome, with planes creeping out of the hangars, or creeping in, or, like Tennyson's birdie, trying their wings Immediately below is a liner doubtfully getting ready to go somewhere, both of its very sensible propellers being reluctant to start. The mechanic coaxes, but in vain. "What's the use?" they splutter at him. The two or three intending travellers, in heavy coats, who have come out to watch, return to the big hall to telephone to their hotels that they will want their rooms for another night. And they had done all their tipping, too.

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You make another tour of the big hall, and find yourself at the book-stall before a rack of picture post-cards, where you may study and even purchase photographs of the pilots. The pilot you are waiting for is, no doubt, one of them. You wonder which. You wonder also why they should be photographed One does not see at a railway terminus photographs of engine-drivers; at the end of a taxi journey one does not proffer an extra twopence for a picture-postcard of the chauffeur. The drivers of motor-buses, who in their way are heroes too, never seem to pose before the commercial camera But pilots, I suppose, are different. In fact, there is no doubt, for, strolling over to the hotel, one finds in the flesh two or three of the originals, surrounded by admirers such as no engine-driver, except possibly that accomplished amateur, the late Lord Montagu of Beaulieu, ever lured. By their photographs you know them, even when they are out of the Eskimo trappings of the zenith, and you do not grudge them this homage. Let there be fair ladies to gaze upon their features, let there be envious youths to hang upon their careless words, for they dare much.

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A strange place, this hotel, with great tracts of it reserved for the aviators, where the sole of the ordinary earth-clinging foot may not venture. All the creature comforts are here, but it seems to be also a palace of machinery. At a table in the lounge are three or four men, one of whom, in the superior voice that we know so well, more conscious of its refinement even than Wilson Barrett's, is broadcasting Why, here, in a lounge? I shall never know. Later you are made aware by the strains of an orchestra playing fragments of sentimental American songs that the B.B.C. is toiling to relieve the tedium of your wait.

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But, surely, the fog is lifting? Yes. No. Yes. You return to the big hall and find that a message has just come in that the Paris aeroplane can reach Croydon after all. If you go back to the roof you may hear it. It is due almost now; and behold, descending from the heavens, like manna, a circling plane!

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR.

Mr. Ashton's Diary.

Sir,—On January 1, 1875, I began keeping a diary, and have continued doing so ever since without a break, never missing a single day. I am now wondering whether these fifty-five years of continuous diary-writing constitute a record!

ALGERNON ASHTON.

Carlton Vale, N.W.

Extradition.

Sir,—Has not the time arrived—I suggest the League as a medium for an omnibus treaty whereby any one country could call for: (1) the surrender for trial of any one of its nationals (2) the surrender for trial of any one of the nationals of the sheltering country, subject to (*a*) sworn information, (*b*) a prima facie case. (*c*) a locus standi at the trial for the representative of the sheltering country?

HENRY SUTTON LUDLOW.

Bow Street, W.C.

Whyte-Melville.

Sir,—Whyte-Melville hunted at Melton Mowbray (where I was born) from Elgin Lodge. I have a clear recollection of my first attempt at skating. One winter afternoon, I was, for my start, on a pond by the road-side, with my brother. Whyte-Melville was returning from hunting with the Cottesmore. "Bend forward, boy, and strike out," he said. Then he dismounted, and, holding me, gave me a first lesson. He was riding a grey hunter. How memory lingers! It is nearly sixty years ago.

York. CHAS. A. THOMPSON.

Khaki.

Sir,—I was interested in General Sir George Younghusband's account of the origin of the above, as I think I was the first to dye the white drill uniforms of the Royal Welch Fusiliers in Dum Dum, 1882, and, curiously enough, used a recipe given me by an ex-soldier of the Guides. We first boiled naspal (pomegranate peel), then added kasees (copperas), peela muti (yellow ochre), and so got the required shade. Of course, this was not a permanent dye, and was discontinued when the Elgin Mills, Cawnpore, discovered one that was permanent.

Bexhill-on-Sea. T. HEMSLEY.

Pandit Jawaharlal Nehru.

Sir,—In his interesting article in your last Sunday's issue Lord Meston stated that old public school boys were among the revolutionaries in the India of to-day.

The following entry in the Harrow School Register, edited by J. H. Stogdon (vol. ii., p. 260), describes the son of Pandit Motilal Nehru, being the younger Nehru :—

> Nehru Jawaharlal (the Head Master's), left 1907; Trinity College, Cambridge; M.A.; Barrister 1912; gave up practice, and joined Non-Co-operative Movement in India 1920; sent to jail as political prisoner three times; General Sec. of the Indian National Congress and Chairman of the Allahabad Municipality.

Jawaharlal Nehru had the good fortune of knowing two of Harrow's headmasters. They are both dead, and their eloquent lips are closed for ever. Perhaps some of your readers will be able to tell us what manner of man is Jawaharlal Nehru

J. G. COTTON MINCHIN.

Stone Buildings, Lincoln's Inn.

Shakespeare and Wine.

Sir,—Mr. E. V. Lucas (whom the Gods preserve!) says: "I have never asked myself what Shakespeare's table habits were, although only too well aware that he could drink unwisely What are his unique sources of knowledge? He could not have gathered it from the plays or the sonnets, neither, surely, from Jonson nor Rowe, nor, indeed, from any contemporary chronicler. If I were to take the position that Shakespeare was an abstainer, where on earth could Mr. Lucas find his evidence to controvert me?

What is the "internal" evidence of the plays worth? Falstaff, the most typically bibulous of Shakespearean men, might (stripped of his eloquence) have been quite conceivably created by Shaw. And if we admit that Shakespeare liked wine (of course, there being no teetotalers in his day), why should we say he drank "unwisely"?

Balham, S.W. W. R. HASTIE.

Broadcasting 7,000 Miles.

Sir,—It may interest your readers to know that a radio concert performed in London has been heard in California.

Mr. S. G. Mortland, who broadcasts daily an "Air Edition" of the *San Francisco Chronicle*, writes me as follows :—

> The other day I heard a Radio programme from London which was caught on the air in New York, and then re-sent out to us. Sooner than we think the world will be closely tied together with Radio that will use some common station and be heard round the globe.

San Francisco is approximately 7,000 miles distant from London, so the successful relay is notable.

My friend informs me that every week he broadcasts the results of the Soccer football matches played in Scotland, greatly to the satisfaction of Scots living in Honolulu and Hilo, Hawaii, as also in British Columbia, Alaska, Mexico, and, on the other side of the American continent, Florida and New York.

WESTWOOD MACNEILL.

Largs, Ayrshire

"Cynicus" and Ramsay MacDonald.

Sir,—Your reference last Sunday to the brothers Anderson, Martin and William, brings to me most interesting reminiscences. Quite forty years ago I was introduced to Martin Anderson, known as "Cynicus," who had just come to London from Tayport, and was becoming famous as a cartoonist. He gave "at homes" once a week in his studio, off Drury Lane, to artists, Pressmen, and Bohemians generally, and most delightful evenings they were. At one of them he said to me: "I want to introduce to you a young friend of mine just come from the North of Scotland to try his fortune in London—Ramsay MacDonald."

After shaking hands I had a good chat, on this and other occasions, with the young Scotsman—a slimly built, fair-haired young fellow in the early twenties, whose bright manner and general expression gave promise of future success. "Cynicus" said to me more than once: "Keep your eye on young Ramsay—he will make his way."

Some few years later I visited Martin Anderson at Cynicus Castle, Balmullo, and Ramsay MacDonald's name came up. "Cynicus" said to me, "Do you remember what I prophesied about Ramsay years ago at my studio off Drury Lane?"

Highgate Road, N.W. ALEX. SLADE.

Chego.

Sir,—The chego pack your correspondent asks about is evidently an abbreviated form of the full tarot pack, which consists of twenty-two tarots (numbered 1—21, and one unnumbered), and four suits of fourteen cards each, king, queen, knight, and knave, and ten plain cards (ace to ten). In the old game, in the black cards the higher took the lower (ace lowest); in the red cards, the lower took the higher. In the chego pack six plain cards are omitted, much as in the picquet pack. The game of tarot is still played in Switzerland, Germany, and some parts of France; I have seen it played at Vitteaux near Dijon. The numbered cards are permanent trumps, the unnumbered tarot is a species of joker.

ROBERT STEELE.

Savage Club, W.C.

Sir,—The cards inquired about by your correspondent are those used for the game called taroc, played almost exclusively in Austria, Czechoslovakia, Hungary, and parts (formerly Austrian) of Italy.

The name, "chego," I understand, is a translation of the game taroc in the Czechoslovakian language. Taroc is so well known on the Continent that I do not wish to encroach on your valuable space to explain the meaning or value of the cards. If, however, your correspondent is anxious to ascertain more, I shall be glad to give her the necessary information.

I consider taroc, bridge, and skat to be the three most interesting games in cards, and I doubt if there are any others that require more skill and intelligence.

Bournemouth. PAMULUS.

Regimental Traditions.

Sir,—I am afraid I must disagree with your correspondent C. Hawkes as to the titles he ascribes to my old corps, the Wiltshire Regiment, Duke of Edinburgh's. I served in the regiment for thirty four years, was adjutant 1st Batt. (old 62nd), and commanded the 2nd Batt. (old 99th), and can definitely state that the former were never called either the "Moonrakers" or the "Splashers." "Moonrakers" is a general term for all Wiltshire men; but the title is not, and never has been, claimed by the regiment. Neither has the title "Splashers," though the story of the regiment's gallantry at Carrickfergus has always been one of its traditions. The title which the regiment does claim, and is proud to bear, is the "Springers." The origin of this has never been accurately ascertained, but is believed to have been due to the fact that the regiment was employed as light infantry in the American War of Independence, combined with its rapid pursuit of the retreating colonists after the battle of Bunker's Hill. In this connection it is interesting to note that the old word of command for calling light infantry to "attention" was "Spring up" which tends to confirm this belief

As regards the 2nd Batt. (99th), it was not *known* as the Lanarkshire—i.e., as a nick name—but was officially so, viz., a Lowland Scotch regiment. It wore the dice-bordered cap, and to this day plays "Blue Bonnets" and "Kinloch of Kinloch" as its marches, in commemoration of its origin. It became the 2nd Wiltshire Regiment under the Cardwell reorganisation, but why a Lowland Scotch regiment was linked to a Southern English one is a mystery! One story has it that it was intended to be the 2nd Batt. the Cameronians (26th), but that a War Office clerk, in making out the list, inadvertently wrote "62" instead of "26"! For the truth of this I cannot vouch, but such little trifles have in the past altered the fate of nations, let alone that of regiments.

R. WYNDHAM, Lieut.-Col.

Wallingford, Berks.

Sir,—Your correspondent Viola Judge narrowly escapes full marks for inaccuracy in respect of the third paragraph of her letter.

The regiment concerned is the Royal Welch Fusiliers, and the "flash" is neither a bow nor a patch. It is not let into the tunic, not worn below the collar, and is not a relic of the bow worn on the tie-wig.

It consists of three or four strips of black ribbon, stitched to the collar, and hanging down fan-wise. It was formerly worn by all regiments, and its object was to preserve the tunic from the grease of the pigtail.

Readers of Conan Doyle's "Micah Clarke" will see how necessary this was.

When the pigtail was abolished the flash ceased to be necessary, and was discontinued by Army Order.

For some unknown reason the War Office, instead of a short comprehensive order, issued a lengthy schedule of regiments which were to cease wearing the flash.

From this schedule the Royal Welch Fusiliers were omitted; they were on foreign service, and had probably been forgotten.

On their return from abroad they were ordered to discontinue the flash, but successfully petitioned to continue to wear it.

Dunstable. CYMRU AM BYTH.

Sir,—The Argyll and Sutherland Highlanders have the unique distinction of having a "thin red line" running through the dicing on their bonnets to commemorate the stand which they, the only infantry regiment engaged at the battle of Balaclava, made in a thin line of two deep against the onslaught of the Russian cavalry.

The same regiment wears a badger's head as a sporran, that animal having on a certain occasion been the means of awakening the camp just as a raid, which would otherwise have found the regiment asleep, was being made by the enemy.

The Gordon Highlanders wear black buttons on their spats in memory of Sir John Moore; and the Black Watch wear a red hackle and have small knicks taken out of their spats; but what these represent would be better told by a member of that regiment.

ARGYLL AND SUTHERLAND.

Edinburgh.

Dr. Bode and the "Wax Bust."

From DR. GEORGE C. WILLIAMSON.

Sir,—Few things have delighted me more than to read Mr. Frank Rutter's remarks (SUNDAY TIMES, December 29) concerning the Wax Bust. At last there seems a chance that Dr. Bode's character will have some opportunity of being cleared. I was, I believe, the second person in England to see the bust after Muiray Marks had purchased it. I fancy that Sir Herbert Cook was the first, but I know that we both of us agreed that it was undoubtedly Renaissance work very much repaired. I was rather horrified at Bode's statement that it was by Leonardo. I had known him for a great many years, he was a personal friend, and I have the greatest respect for all that he ever did and for his knowledge, but he was precipitate in this attribution, influenced very much unfortunately, by the German Emperor. I believe, eventually, he contented himself with saying that it was Italian Renaissance work, and it was a pity he did not say this at first.

I have seen illustrations of everything that Lucas did, and have gone, with the greatest possible care, through all the papers about him in the British Museum. He never did a thing that in the least resembled that bust—everything was after the teaching of Canova. Whitbourne was a wholly unsatisfactory witness. I had known him since I was a boy, and you could persuade him to say anything you liked; he was a weak man in every way. He was fond of Lucas, and thought he was doing Lucas's memory a good turn by what he said. There was nothing in it at all. The bust had most certainly been in Lucas's possession and repaired by him; it must have had a very serious accident, and been, as Mr. Rutter says, broken into many pieces.

At the end of my book on Murray Marks I have said what I could about it, but I have looked in vain for any support in the public Press, and therefore I rejoice most heartily at what Mr. Rutter has said, and I do hope he will not let the matter entirely drop. Poor Bode has passed away, and some day or other I hope opinion will swing round to the position which it ought to have accepted long ago.

Guildford GEORGE C. WILLIAMSON.

"At Charing Cross."

Sir,—In reply to "D. C. D.'s" inquiry, the lines will be found in Swift's "Imitation of Part of the Sixth Satire of the Second Book of Horace" (1714). This, which begins with the well-known lines :

> I often wish'd that I had clear,
> For life, six hundred pounds a year,
> A handsome house to lodge a friend,
> A river at my garden's end, etc.,

contains the lines inquired for in the later verses :

> Have you nothing new to-day
> To show from Parnell, Pope, or Gay?
> Such tattle often entertains
> My lord and me as far as Staines,
> As once a week we travel down
> To Windsor, and again to town;
> Where all that passes *inter nos*
> Might be proclaimed at Charing Cross.

Edinburgh. E. L. ALLHUSEN.

[Replies have also been received from W. G. Bloom (Hampstead, N.W.), Wilfrid T. Stubbs (Bracknell), C. K. (Emsworth), George Glasgow (Birkenhead), A. L. (London, W.), and William T. Cook (Aberdeen).]

Tay Bridge Disaster.

Sir,—Here is a tale of the Tay Bridge, widely recounted and as widely believed. Mr. L., a citizen of St. Andrews, who only died recently, is said to have been a traveller on the ill-fated train from Edinburgh. When he reached Leuchars Junction—"Change here for Saint Aundrews," as every golfer knows—he asked the stationmaster whether a cab awaited him, and was assured that it was little likely that any cab would be turned out on such a wild night. Mr. L., little relishing a five-mile walk, got into the train again, saying that he would sleep in Dundee. The signal was given and the train in motion when the stationmaster hurried to the traveller, and opened the door, exclaiming, "Come oot, come oot! I see the lichts o' yer carriage." Seizing his bag, Mr. L. hastily descended, and the train went on to its doom.

Reform Club. J. LENG STURROCK.

Lord Macaulay.

Sir,—May I support Mr. Sidney Solomon's defence of Lord Macaulay in the matter of the Welbeck letters?

It is usual now to attack this writer for all those qualities which raise his magnificent work above the pedantic compilations of facts which is all that the scientific school of historians can produce; but, whatever the faults and failures induced by Lord Macaulay's definite view-points, strong enthusiasms and the glowing picturesqueness of his method, the very latest research reveals the essential truth of his portraits of his principal characters.

For some years past one has heard of the "new light" likely to be cast on the character of William III. and the first Earl of Portland by the publication of the Welbeck letters, and, at the same time, has strongly suspected that Lord Macaulay had skimmed the cream of this famous correspondence, using, with the instinct of a fine writer, all the material of any human interest and leaving only a residue likely to appeal to none but the specialist scholar. This view was confirmed by Mrs. Grew's "Bentinck and William III.," where, again, the Welbeck letters were carefully sifted for anything of an enduring interest, and Professor Japikse's laborious work adds nothing to the conception of the characters of these two statesmen as put forth by Lord Macaulay and confirmed by other workers in the same field. William III.'s immense correspondence with Anthony Heinsius, with Prince Waldeck, Prince Vaudemont, and others, the "Journaal" and "Day Book" of Constantine Huygens, the memoirs and letters of Queen Mary II., all testify to the truth of Macaulay's character-study, when one considers that this deals with only the last fourteen years of an incredibly active life, and even then is incomplete.

Lord Macaulay was a man of tireless industry and prodigious memory. He learnt Dutch for the purpose of his history, and spared no pains to glean material from every possible source; and far from "not having read the letters at all." as Mr. Philip Morrell suggests, it is obvious that he squeezed from them and stacks of other archives everything likely to be of general and permanent value.

Prejudiced as the Whig historian was (modern writers, however, have indulged in deeper partisanship), and much as he hurts his own cause by a tone of "special pleading" and the representation of William III. as "the Whig and Protestant champion" only, an impartial study of most of the immense available material there is concerning this great King has convinced me of the general accuracy of Lord Macaulay's portraits, both of William III. and the first Earl of Portland; and that also, save in matters of unimportant detail, no "new light" is likely to be thrown on the character of either, however diligently research workers may turn over the waste material rejected by genius. Dr. Japikse underrates Lord Macaulay far more than Lord Macaulay underrated William Bentinck; most readers will turn with relief from the crude stuff of which history is made, as presented by the Dutch scholar, to the vivid and superb use to which such raw material is turned in the hands of the great English historian who was, besides, a great man of letters.

London, W. MARJORIE BOWEN.

[A letter from Mr. Philip Morrell, the writer of the review, will appear next Sunday.]

Hogmanay.

Sir,—Your correspondent, Mr. Bloomfield, may be interested to know that "aguillanneuf" is, in all probability, "à gui l'an neuf" (mistletoe for the New Year), a very old expression, dating from Druidic times, and still in use in Brittany and Western France.

On the other hand, it has been suggested that "agui" may be an alteration of the Greek ἄγχι (here is) — "agui l'an neuf" = the New Year is here. But the expression is distinctly popular, and a "learned" origin seems to me quite improbable.

H. E. BERTHON.

St. John's College, Oxford.

Sir,—The derivation of "Hogmanay" from the old French "aguillanneuf" seems plausible enough. I am, however, inclined to think that "aguillanneuf" must come from "au gui l'an neuf," a greeting used at the time of the Druids, when the priests used to cut the mistletoe from the oaks and present all around as a sign that the New Year was now opened—"to the mistletoe, the New Year." But on referring to the "Encyc. Brit." I see that the derivation both of "Hogmanay" and the identical French "aguillanneuf" remains obscure according to scientific philologists.

MADELEINE WILLIAMS.

Warwick Road, S.W.

Sir,—One of your correspondents last week was at a loss to explain the "aguill" of the word aguillanneuf. Immediately after reading his letter I came across the following passage in an article in *World Radio*, by Monsieur Stephan :—

> Après la conquête des Gaules par Jules César la coutume romaine (la fête des calendes de janvier) s'établit d'autant plus facilement chez les Gaulois, que le premier janvier, était le jour où les Druides coupaient avec une faucille d'or le gui sacré qui poussait sur les chênes. C'est sans doute à cause de cela que le étrennes prirent en vieux français les noms de guillenheus, haguilenne, aguignettes, aguilanneuf, au gui l'an neuf, etc. . . . Ces expressions se retrouvent dans les vieilles chansons que l'on entend encore dans certaines provinces françaises à l'occasion du nouvel an.

KENNETH S. TOPPING.

Quorn, Leicestershire.

[Replies have also been received from M. E. Slater (Rickmansworth) and F. W. D'Evelyn (Budleigh Salterton).]

"Journey's End."

Sir,—One hesitates to contradict a gentleman with such a glorious span of years as Mr. J. Carter Edwards, yet he is wrong regarding this play. Sherriff has given the world a slice of truth—unpalatable, as truth generally is. He does not moralise, he merely says: "Here is the War"; and you form your own conclusion. For three years I was in the ranks, and I would ask Mr. Edwards to consider if the war had the effect, as depicted in the play (and truly so), upon officers, what was the legacy it bequeathed to the ordinary Tommy? Officers had a hundred and one privileges denied to the rankers. The ordinary soldier could not drown his sorrows in whisky. I dare say he would have done so if opportunity had given him the chance. We all lived lives antagonistic to our finer feelings; obeyed foolish orders with the fear of an ugly death continually hovering over us, fighting, what I still hope it will prove to be, a war to end war.

Those of us who lived to return know that romance in war should be written with a small "r." Better still, leave it out, for it is non-existent save in the minds of later generations who live after the war, when it is history. Are not the hungry, unwanted, unemployed ex-servicemen the greatest insult possible to those of our comrades who to many on one day of the year are known as "our glorious dead"?

T. W. CARRICK

(late 11th and 7th Border Regiment).

Wigton, Cumberland.

Readers' Queries.

[The number of readers' queries that reach us is now so great that a small proportion only can be published, and we endeavour, therefore, to make a selection of those of most general interest.]

Will one of your readers be so kind as to give me the context and authorship of the following?—

> Leonidas poured out the wine
> And as he drained the cup
> He . . . .
> To-night with Pluto we will sup.

—L. R. MAYNE (Buenos Aires).

Did Big Ben strike the hour of eleven on Armistice morning, November 11, 1918? We all know that Big Ben was silent during the war, but when exactly did he sound again?—N. N. (Winchelsea)

Who is the true and original "Tumbledown Dick" occasionally seen as a sign in an inn? I have been given at least four claimants to this title—namely, Richard II., Richard III., Richard Cromwell, and, lastly, Dick Turpin, all of whom might justly so be called.—G. GROZER (Sunningdale).

I wonder whether any of your readers can tell me where to find particulars for roasting a peacock in the feudal manner, gilded and dressed in its plumage?—F. MARIAN MCNEILL (Edinburgh).

Can anybody tell me after whom the lovely yellow rose Emily Gray is named?—C. M. SHERE (London, S.E.).

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THE NAVAL CONFERENCE.

FRENCH MEMORANDUM

GUARANTEES OF SECURITY.

By ARCHIBALD COLBECK.

Until the French memorandum was delivered and published all the discussions preliminary to the naval conference were little but derivatives of a few well-known strategical problems. The reductions to which Great Britain can agree are contingent upon the naval forces necessary for defending the approach routes against submarine attack, and the Japanese demand for a 70 per cent. ratio of cruisers has been made because the route between the Borneo oil fields and Japan cannot be adequately defended with less than about fifteen heavy cruisers.

In contrast to this, the French memorandum records claims and arguments which are purely political. First and most important, the French Government maintains that a State can only reduce its armaments proportionately to its guarantees of security, and from this they draw an important consequence. The Covenant of the League, which at least makes provision for the united coercion of an aggressor State is, in French opinion, a potential guarantee of security, for, if a State could be certain of assistance from all Europe it would have little to fear, and its executive government would be obliged to make no military preparations other than those necessary for stopping a sudden onslaught and holding the frontier until assistance arrived. The French therefore maintain that agreements for reducing armaments must be compounded by all the States of the League, and must be supplemented by detailed provision for united action. Now the French Government points out that the maritime powers have made the Kellogg pact, and not the Covenant of the League, the starting point of their proposals for reducing armaments. But, unlike the Covenant, the Kellogg treaty makes no provision for united action against an aggressor: it thus gives the signatories no material guarantee of security. The French Government therefore state that she can only regard the London conference as a preliminary to subsequent conferences at Geneva, and that it is only at Geneva, under the auspices of the League, that they will sign a binding treaty.

France's Responsibilities.

The other French contentions are little but logical deductions from the first premise. As the French Government maintain that armaments should be reduced simultaneously by all States, so they very naturally contend that reductions shall be made in all forms of armament, and not merely in naval forces. As for the naval reductions, in which the maritime Powers are especially interested, the French are willing to agree that the entire naval forces of each State in the world shall not exceed a certain figure; but they will never consent that their own cruiser forces, and their destroyer and submarine flotillas shall be reduced to exact, specified figures.

From all this it is clear that the French Government and the maritime Powers are at issue both on the general principles and the practical details of disarmament. The French have, in fact, drawn up a plan of Continental disarmament procedure, and that plan is, for the moment, an active rival to the Anglo-American method.

It is not difficult to show that the French Government have not taken this stand out of perversity or antagonism to Great Britain. When the French Government are assured that all the States in the League will assist Poland and the Little Entente Powers against aggression they can substantially reduce their naval and military forces. They cannot do so before. A reduction in naval armaments alone merely increases France's Continental responsibilities, for, in spite of the country's growing dependence upon foreign trade, the navy is still regarded as an auxiliary to the army.

One-Power Standard.

It is, therefore, quite useless to contest or criticise the French memorandum. But it is important to understand how far French policy, which has been so candidly explained, is likely to prevent the British Government from executing its avowed programme of reducing the cruiser and destroyer forces of the Kingdom. That, after all, is the most important question at issue.

Whatever reductions the British Government may wish to make, it is inconceivable that public opinion in Great Britain will tolerate an abrogation of the one-power standard. But that standard is not, nowadays, calculable by the old methods. It must be defined as adequate provision against the most serious maritime danger that can overtake us. And the most serious danger to which this country could be exposed is not that the battle fleet should be defeated in the Caribbean or the Far East, it is a combined attack by submarines and surface vessels against the thousands of tons of shipping which pass daily through the Channel and its western approaches.

Now it would seem as though the British Premier and President Hoover had agreed, provisionally, that the cruiser forces of both countries should not exceed fifty units, and that the destroyer forces should not be more numerous than about 130. It must be admitted at once that a fleet so constituted would only protect the Western approaches against a very feeble opponent. If, then, the French delegates withdraw from the Conference without giving any undertaking with regard to their cruiser and submarine fleets, it is difficult to understand how this or any other British Government could reduce the Navy to the figures of the Hoover-MacDonald agreement.

A Political Compact?

But the French authorities have very carefully safeguarded themselves against any accusation that they desire to obstruct the disarmament policy of the maritime Powers, for they have stated explicity that they will not put obstacles in their way. To this statement they have added another: That they will "take fully into account any guarantee that might be made." These guarded phrases presumably mean that the French consider that their own policy can be adjusted to that of the maritime Powers, by some political compact. Until this compact has been explained it is impossible to estimate its value. But we owe a debt of gratitude to the French Government for reminding us so temperately, and yet so firmly, that national security is the important thing. We agree, and must add, as a codicil to this excellent doctrine: That the security of Great Britain is at least as important as the security of France, and is more easily put in jeopardy.

MEN, WOMEN, AND MEMORIES.

THE LORD CHIEF JUSTICE—BARON PALMSTIERNA—SIR MONTAGUE SHEARMAN — SIR ROBERT VANSITTART.

By ATTICUS.

Lord Hewart was 60 last week, and has been Lord Chief Justice of England for eight years. His progress from his "call" at the Inner Temple to his appointment to the highest post in the judiciary covered less than twenty years. This is an exceptionally rapid ascent, and all the more remarkable since Lord Hewart entered the legal profession rather late. He was 32 when he went to the Bar, having been engaged since he left University College, Oxford, some ten years earlier, in active work for the newspapers. Speaking to a journalistic gathering not long ago he said that he frequently looked back with pleasure to his connection with the Press, and could still recall the awe he felt in the nineties for some of the prominent figures of Fleet Street in those remote days, such as Andrew Lang, Henry Lucy, Frederick Greenwood, H. D. Traill, and others—the admiration of the modest beginner for the successful practitioner who had "arrived." Nearly all these men are dead, and some of them already forgotten. Their former admirer, one may hope, will live to wear the ermine for many years to come.

A POPULAR DIPLOMAT.

One of the society weddings of last week was that of the Baroness Margareta Palmstierna, the daughter of the Swedish Minister, and M. de Seynes de Larlenque, which attracted a large number of people to the Swedish Church near Marylebone Road. Baron Palmstierna has represented his country "at the Court of St. James's for the past eight years, and is *persona grata* at the other Embassies and Legations, as well as at the Foreign Office. Being Minister for one of the very few important states which took no part in the war, he has been able to keep clear of the friction which has added to the difficulties of many other diplomatists, and he is trusted and liked by them all. His neutral position has given him an influence which has sometimes been brought to bear usefully on the international situation. He has had an interesting career, having begun life as a naval officer, and then entered politics on the Socialist side at a time when Socialism was extremely unpopular in Swedish aristocratic circles. He is a student of Irish as well as English literature, and has rendered some of the bards of the "Celtic revival" into his native tongue, besides translating several of Strindberg's dramas. His daughter, who will now live in Paris with her French husband, has likewise literary and dramatic tastes, and is an amateur actress of some talent.

THOSE DEVASTATINC DEATH DUTIES.

It is sad to learn that the Earl of Durham may sell the famous "Red Boy" of Sir Thomas Lawrence. The price is said to be fixed at £200,000, and obviously nobody outside the United States could afford that sum. It is also announced that the Duke of Richmond and Gordon intends to dispose of some of his art collections and books at Goodwood and Gordon Castle. It has taken the Dukes of Richmond two and a-half centuries to equip their fine library and their galleries full of Romneys, Gainsboroughs, Raeburns, and Flemish and Italian masterpieces. No doubt many of these will go to America also, and another stage will be reached in the wholesale transfer of the art treasurers of Britain to the other side of the Atlantic. But what is the unfortunate English landowner to do when he inherits these great possessions? He cannot afford to keep them and maintain his estate, curtailed as his means are by the exaction of death duties. Two Earls of Durham died between September, 1928, and January, 1929. The Treasury took nearly £950,000, which was close upon half the estimated value of the entire property. Old Masters are too costly a luxury for territorial proprietors whose incomes are being scaled down at this overpowering rate.

A GOOD JUDGE.

Many judges are too solemn and dignified to carry nick-names through life; but the late Sir Montague Shearman was "Monty" for his friends to the end. This was significant of the affection he inspired, and it testifies to a complete absence of anything like arrogance or stiffness. He never gave himself judicial airs either on or off the Bench, any more than he put on "side" long before when he was pretty nearly the most notable athlete of his day and generation. Monty Shearman, amateur champion, Rugby international, Varsity blue, and President of the O.U.A.C., was as unassuming and good-natured as Montague Shearman, K.C., with a vast practice at the Common Law Bar, and Mr. Justice Shearman, one of His Majesty's Judges—"and a good Judge, too," as everybody admitted.

He owed his success in sport, as in his profession, largely to his coolness, sound sense, and equable temper. It was difficult to hustle him out of his stride, either on the cinder-path or in the law-courts. He was not a brilliant orator, but he had qualities even more valuable in a High Court Judge, including a wide knowledge of the world, and a very genial outlook upon humanity, which, however, was never allowed to affect his sternly balanced administration of the law. He was at his best in a sensational criminal case; for he believed that for the guilty to escape punishment was almost as flagrant a miscarriage of justice as for an innocent person to be wrongfully condemned.

Much has been written of his athletic career, which was notable enough, for he was in the very front rank of a great group of Oxford athletes at a famous epoch. His successes were not limited to a single field; he was a first-rate sprinter and quarter-miler, a very talented footballer, a good oarsman and boxer, and a fine swimmer, who could, and did, get across the Niagara Rapids. In fact, "Monty" in his quiet way could almost do anything on which he set his mind. At Oxford, in the midst of his competitions and games, he contrived to put in enough reading to get his two Firsts in the classical schools.

AN ADROIT RESPONSE.

I had an illustration of Shearman's tact and humour when I took him as my guest to the annual dinner of a certain literary cóterie. It was just after the celebrated Greenwood trial—to which no illusion should have been made in his presence. Unfortunately, the speaker who proposed his health made what looked like a blundering attempt to "draw" the learned judge on the jury's much-discussed verdict. It was an awkward moment when Shearman rose to reply. But he turned the situation adroitly. A Polish man of letters was among the guests. Allusion, said Shearman, had been made to Poland, a country with which he was unfamiliar. But the name brought to his mind that of his venerable friend, Sir Henry Poland, the famous criminal lawyer. Poland once had to defend a woman charged with murdering her employer by putting arsenic into a pudding she made for him. The prosecution had a strong case, but Poland managed to secure an acquittal. "God bless you, Mr. Poland," said the grateful client; "I shall always pray for you." "You may pray for me as much as you please," answered Poland; "but I'll take good care you do not cook for me." We laughed, the tension was relaxed, and Shearman went on to talk about topics more suitable to the occasion.

THE MAN WHO WILL RUN THE F.O.

Sir Robert Vansittart, who now becomes the permanent chief of the Foreign Office, though still well under 50, has had a long and varied experience of the Diplomatic Service. He joined it eight-and-twenty years ago, and has since served in Teheran, Stockholm, Cairo, Paris, as well as in Downing Street, where he was, among other things, at one time secretary to the late Lord Curzon. He is interested in literature as well as in foreign affairs, and has found time to publish at least a dozen volumes in verse and prose, including novels, satires, and essays. I suppose his pen will now be mainly engaged in writing state-papers and official memoranda; but I hope it will not be completely inhibited from those other compositions for which the author of "John Stuart" and "The Cap and Bells" has a distinct faculty. A Permanent Secretary of State at the Foreign Office is a very busy and important person, with heavy responsibilities which must leave him little scope for outside interests. Cabinet Ministers come and go; but the Permanent Secretary abides, and keeps them—more or less—in order.

"THE TOWN": MEN AND INTIMACIES.

By AUTOLYCUS.

Despite the fact that he is 72 to-day, the Marquess of Crewe remains one of the handsomest members of the House of Lords—an assembly of which he was the leader for many years. Few men have had a more varied career, or have achieved so much distinction, and he has thoroughly deserved his promotion from a barony to a marquessate, crowned as it has been with a Knighthood of the Garter. The official positions he has filled include the Viceroyalty of Ireland, Colonial Secretaryship, Lord Presidency of the Council, and the Paris Ambassadorship. His lordship is now engaged on the biography of his father-in-law, the late Lord Rosebery.

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The rather sombre lighting of the central red and gold salon at the Italian Embassy made a very effective contrast with the other brilliantly-lit rooms at the receptions given by the Ambassador after his two large dinner parties last week. A row of impressive-looking powdered footmen in rich yellow velvet liveries lined the tapestried staircase, at the head of which Baron Bordonaro stood alone to receive his guests on the first occasion, since he is a bachelor; but the second evening he was assisted by the charming wife of the Belgian Ambassador, as the party was given to celebrate the Royal wedding in Rome. At the dinner given to the members of the committee of the Italian Exhibition, Lady Chamberlain, who was the guest of honour, several times donned her vivid green spectacles, but Sir Austen, as usual, remained faithful to his rimless eyeglass. After an hour or so's conversazione everyone descended to the dining-room to find the two long dinner tables had been turned into a buffet, where the good things included a delicious dish of grated chestnuts and whipped cream, and champagne served in large, Venetian glass goblets, each engraved with its crest.

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Sir Basil Bartlett, who has just decided to abandon a diplomatic career for the stage, is only 24, but, nevertheless, already he has made a reputation for himself as an unrivalled concocter of new cocktails and the giver of very amusing parties. About a year ago he took the upper part of a house in Fitzroy Square, and converted it into a delightful setting for his parties, but not into a permanent abode, since he lives in Regent's Park. Last summer Sir Basil was staying at Cannes, where he was in luck to the extent that he played regularly every night for about a month at the new Palm Beach Casino, and invariably left the winner by not less than a thousand francs, and often considerably more. He made his stage début whilst still at Cambridge as Coriolanus, and only the other day he returned there in the rôle of leading actor in a revival of the play, "Prisoners of War."

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No one looked less like a famous art dealer and expert than the late Mr. David Croal Thomson, whose short, stocky figure and génial, rosy-cheeked countenance, allied to the strongest of Scottish accents, suggested a prosperous country squire, rather than a connoisseur of the arts. A transparent honesty and an almost childlike simplicity of character gave Mr. Croal Thomson a charm that was felt by all who came in contact with him; but he was, at the same time, one of the shrewdest and most far-seeing dealers in London, especially with regard to the Barbizon and Hague schools of painting, in which he specialised. His books on certain artists have come to be regarded as standard works, and one of the most delightful Christmas gifts was his annual "Barbizon House Record," wherein were carefully described and beautifully illustrated all the works that had passed through his hands during the past year.

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No one would accuse Mr. Lloyd George, who celebrates his 67th anniversary this week, of lacking self-confidence, and he seems from the outset of his remarkable career to have entertained a shrewd idea of his future eminence. When he paid his first visit to London at the age of 19 he wrote home to his uncle: "Went to the House of Commons. Very disappointed. I will not say but that I eyed the assembly in a spirit similar to that in which William the Conqueror eyed England on his visit to Edward the Confessor—as the region of future domination. O Vanity!"

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Prebendary Carlile, founder of the Church Army, whom the Bishop of London once called the Archbishop of the Gutter, attains an 83rd milestone this week in wonderfully good health—a fact he attributes largely to his love of walking. As a young man, carrying on business in the City, he lived at Norwood, and walked to and from his office every day. Other business men among his neighbours used to charter a bus to convey them to town, and on many occasions young Carlile would undertake to race the bus—generally with success. He could not do that to-day, he confesses, but he still never rides when it is possible to walk.

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Syon House, Isleworth, the beauties of which are threatened by a sewage scheme, preserves an interesting relic of old London in the lion which stands on its roof gazing over the river at Kew Gardens. This fine animal stood on the roof of Northumberland House, Strand, until its demolition half a century ago, and differs from most other lions, real or heraldic, in having a tail sticking out straight as a poker. In the old days a wag once stood gazing at the lion on Northumberland House so long and intently that a big crowd gathered. At last someone inquired what he was looking at, when he answered that he was merely waiting to see the Percy lion wag its tail.

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Sir Henry Fielding Dickens, only surviving son of the great novelist, writes to point out that he celebrates his 81st anniversary on January 16, next Thursday. By an error last Sunday I gave the date as January 5, doubtless confusing it with the date of Sir Henry's eldest brother's birthday, which was January 6.

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Almost the first question put to those who arrived from Paris last week seemed to be "Do you know 'Les Enfants Terribles'?" This does not refer to Monsieur Jean Cocteau's book, but to the very newest and already favourite resort of all the most amusing people in Paris, which has been named after it. A not over-large room that is really part of the Théâtre Pigalle in Montmartre—hence its queer shape—has been turned into an ultra-modern artist's dream of cubes and triangles, all formed in panels of corrugated silver paper. Four tubular spiral stays, also silvered in the same fashion, support part of the roof, and a tall, gleaming column has a band of alternate red and blue lights flashing from the top. The chairs are of canvas with shiny metal frames, and the floor is of rubber. I am under the impression the plates and cups were pink, but the lights changed so often that one began to wonder what colour the other people in the room really were by daylight! A negro and an Argentine band play in turns, and the daughter of one of the latter performers sings occasionally in an attractive, husky voice.

SCHOOL LEAVING AGE.

MORE COMPULSION.

AND MORE EXPENDITURE.

By HAROLD COX.

Since the beginning of January, as is the custom of the year, a number of conferences of university professors, head masters, and school teachers have been discussing education problems, and considerable attention has been devoted at all these conferences to the new Bill for raising the school leaving age. At present, in England and Wales, the school leaving age is 14; in Scotland it is 15. The new Bill proposes to raise the school leaving age in England and Wales to 15 as from April 1, 1931. At many of the recent educational conferences this proposal has been severely criticised on the ground that by 1931 there will not be a sufficient supply of competent school teachers for the type of education desirable, and also there will not be sufficient accommodation in existing school buildings. Consequently the boys and girls who would normally have gone out into the world at 14 will not be able to receive suitable education in the extra year they will be compelled to remain at school. Meanwhile, they will be earning nothing and making no progress towards future self-support. It is estimated that the cost of extending the school leaving age from 14 to 15 in England and Wales will be at least 5½ million pounds a year, of which £3,900,000 is to come out of taxes and £1,600,000 is to come out of rates. In addition, an extra grant is to be made to Scotland out of the taxpayer's pocket, although no change in the school leaving age is to be made there.

DOLES TO PARENTS.

This heavy addition to our national and local burdens is partly due to the provision in the Bill for allowances to parents whose children will not be permitted to earn money between 14 and 15. But whether a sufficient estimate has been made for this item is doubtful. Sir Charles Trevelyan, the present Minister for Education, speaking about a week ago, admitted that it would not be very easy to determine exactly how these allowances should be made, and ended by saying that "the allowances should go easily and simply to those who needed them." In practice that means that everybody who comes holding out his hand for an additional dole is to be allowed to receive it.

Among many other critics of the new Bill is Lord Eustace Percy, and it is specially gratifying to find that a man who has occupied the position of Minister for Education realises the danger that our country is running by the ever-increasing extension of State interference with private liberty in the matter of education. Speaking at the Annual Conference of Educational Associations, he said that "compulsion had diverted the whole course of our educational thinking, and had diverted it into channels which were not characteristic of English people and not in harmony with English genius." He also referred to the threatened danger of the further intervention of the State in secondary education, and pointed out that if this takes place the country will be subjected to a uniformity from which our secondary education has hitherto been free. This is inevitable. The whole system of State action is based upon standardisation, and if we are to have a universal system of State education it means that the coming generation will be standardised in knowledge and mental outlook. That, of course, is the Socialist ideal, and unfortunately standardisation is the practice of the permanent bureaucracy under any form of government.

SCHOOL ENTRANCE AGE.

The proposal to raise the school leaving age at the present moment is peculiarly foolish, because of the increased child population coming on in the next few years owing to the exceptionally high birth-rate that immediately followed the war. The birth-rate has since then greatly dropped, so that if we were to wait a few years the school leaving age could be raised to 15 without the necessity for expensive new buildings to accommodate the temporarily increased number of children. At the same time these few years of delay would render possible the training of a sufficient number of teachers for the higher work that the added school year would render desirable. The truth seems to be that the Government is pressing this scheme solely with the idea that by compelling children to stay at school a year longer the competition of child labour with older labour will be reduced and the unemployment problem partly solved.

Even if there were any probability of this alteration in school leaving age making any appreciable difference to the problem of unemployment, it would not be a sufficient argument to justify the premature introduction of a change in our educational system, which for some years to come must be of no real educational value. Meanwhile, the additional burden thrown upon the taxpayer to provide for the cost of the extended period of education, and to provide for the doles to be given to the parents of these children, will itself help to check the development of our industries and thus further increase unemployment.

From the point of view both of educational efficiency and of national economy it is far more important at the present moment to raise the school entrance age rather than the school leaving age. England is practically the only country in the world where compulsory education begins at the early age of 5. In France and Germany the age is 6; in Holland and many parts of Switzerland it is 7; in Canada and the United States it is in some districts 7, in others 8. There is no reason whatever why English parents should be compelled to send their children to school at the extremely early age of 5. In rural districts especially this often involves serious difficulty, owing to the long distance the child has to traverse. It would be better from the educational point of view, as well as the financial point of view, if compulsion began at 7.

FEE-PAYING SCHOOLS.

There is a further matter in which our educational system might be immensely improved, but of this improvement there is little hope from the present Government. Up till 1918 there remained in England a certain number of elementary schools run by the local authorities in which small fees were charged to the parents. These schools were immensely popular, because a large number of parents preferred to pay a fee which gave their child rather better social surroundings than it would normally obtain in the gratuitous schools. Also the fact of paying fees induced the parents to take a direct personal interest in the education their children were receiving. This expression of individuality was repugnant to the semi-Socialist Ministry of 1918, and the fee-paying schools were stamped out by Act of Parliament. The present Ministry seems to be even more anxious to destroy individual liberty, and to bring the whole population down to one dull level under the heavy foot of the State

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Anti-intellectualism is our chief national failing.—*Dean Inge.*

I am obsessed with a sense of waste in so much of our educational practice to-day.—*Minister of Education.*

People are beginning to realise that it is not the wealth a person accumulates that is the thing to value, but the contribution to the betterment of the world.—*General Smuts.*

To federate a self-governing British India with the autocratic States there will be a hard nut to crack, but until it is cracked India cannot get Dominion status.—*Lord Meston.*

For the first time the whole forces of British finance are prepared to stand behind industry, and it is up to the industrialists of the country not to miss this opportunity.—*Lord Privy Seal.*

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IS THE GOVERNMENT IN EARNEST?

LAST week we called for a united effort in 1930 to overcome our industrial and economic ills and lift the nation forward to a new epoch of efficiency. Is Mr. THOMAS'S Manchester speech the answer? It is too soon yet to say; there are many things in the speech left vague and uncertain; much depends on what lies behind it, and on what backing it has from the Cabinet as a whole. Certainly it is one of the most hopeful pronouncements of recent months—years almost—and, if its fullest implications are given effect, may prove the beginning of definitely better things.

We may dispose of minor points first—minor, but still important. The Government, Mr. THOMAS announced, has decided to revive certain commercial diplomatic posts that had lapsed and to create certain new ones. It has also decided to dispatch further trade missions like that recently led so successfully by LORD D'ABERNON to the Argentine. This is encouraging news, for it means that Ministers are alive to the need of new markets as the fundamental preliminary of trade revival. It is a sign, too, that they have grasped the necessity of helping industry by indirect and diplomatic aid rather than attempting to do so by interfering with its internal management. Taken side by side with the attention now being concentrated on the provision of better-educated recruits for commerce, and on the stimulation of salesmanship, these items augur well for a more enterprising spirit. These are inside and outside omens of real promise for 1930.

But it was Mr. THOMAS'S message—vague in terms though it was—from the City to Manchester that held the core of hope. Paying a tribute to the banks for past policy, he announced to his audience that in future they would be prepared to offer even greater facilities to industrial concerns that required credit for reorganisation and re-equipment. Here, potentially at least, is the beginning of salvation. Everyone agrees that fundamental reorganisation of our industries is essential to their future prosperity; everyone knows that the effort towards it is hampered and crippled by financial duress. If Finance will put its back solidly behind a national drive to overcome this difficulty the worst may soon be over.

Mr. THOMAS himself is evidently in no doubt as to what is required. He spoke of "a really big effort towards a forward march, *free from politics and from class prejudice.*" This is the essence of success, the indispensable condition. Is the Cabinet behind Mr. THOMAS in this determination? Is it prepared to give the lead? There must be a truce to class legislation and party preference. What the nation needs before everything is industrial revival; this it can get, and can only get, if the Government of the day will adopt a truly national outlook; if it will make a bid for the support of the other parties by formulating a non-contentious national economic policy to set Britain on her feet.

What are Mr. MACDONALD'S intentions? What are Mr. SNOWDEN'S? No matter what pledges of assistance Finance may give to industry, things cannot right themselves if trade is left in a position of uncertainty. It must be able to look far enough ahead without doubt or misgiving to launch confidently on the policy of reorganisation. Is the CHANCELLOR OF THE EXCHEQUER to be so factious and doctrinaire as to remove the MCKENNA and Safeguarding Duties? Is the PRIME MINISTER going to make further financial concessions to his extremists at the expense of industry? History will gasp at our puny outlook in a great national emergency. What is the first need of our time? Industrial revival, without a doubt. And yet we have no continuity of policy, no national formula; we go on living from hand to mouth, tinkering and titivating and deferring, and what is done for industry to-day may be undone to-morrow at the caprice of a change of Government. The thing is antiquated and preposterous. Britain is in desperate need of a national economic policy to be formulated by the best brains of business and of all parties, and to be pursued without deviation, no matter what complexion of Government happens for the time to be in office. That is our first need, and Mr. MACDONALD and his colleagues have it in their power to fulfil it.

CRUISERS OR BATTLESHIPS?

To wish success with all sincerity to the Naval Conference shortly to assemble in London is not necessarily to be able to accept with equanimity every feature of the British Government's view with regard to the extent and incidence of our reductions. The FIRST LORD OF THE ADMIRALTY has now given official confirmation to the decision, long understood to be the fact, to reduce this country's claim for its minimum cruiser requirements from seventy ships to fifty. At the abortive Geneva Conference of 1927, seventy cruisers were considered by the Admiralty as the indispensable minimum. Less than three years later the figure is reduced to fifty.

It may be, of course, that the original low-water mark fixed by the admirals was unnecessarily high. But that is not the explanation offered by MR. ALEXANDER. He explains the change by reference to the KELLOGG Pact, the signing of which, it is argued, makes the chances of war so much more remote that Britain can safely afford a drastic reduction of her cruiser strength. Of this reasoning many things might be said. Are we quite sure, in the first place, that the KELLOGG Pact, as it stands at present, is a definite guarantee against war? War is unlikely at the present for various reasons, mainly economic; but it was probably quite as unlikely in 1927, before the Pact was signed, as it is at the present time. Yet in 1927 the Admiralty thought seventy cruisers an irreducible minimum. It is bound to occur to many minds that the Admiralty was either wrong then, or else is wrong now.

There are, it must be noted, various restrictions placed on this decided reduction. It will be liable to revision when the London Conference, some years hence, comes up for reconsideration; it is made conditional on the extent of the reductions undertaken by other nations. But if the possibility of war is considered so remote, what does it matter logically what other nations build? Why, indeed, have any cruisers at all? Here we reach the essence of the problem and the real reason why, to many minds, the drastic reduction decided upon will seem not a little dangerous. To Great Britain cruisers mean more than to other Powers; they are more than weapons of war, they are the essential instruments of intercommunication and vigilance whereby this country keeps in touch with and fulfils its commitments towards its scattered possessions and duties throughout the world. If war is for the present out of the question, would it not be better to start reduction with the incontrovertible weapons of war—the battleships—which, incidentally, are a great deal more expensive? This country desires limitation of armaments, and it desires to save money; but it does not desire either at the risk of sacrificing its imperial security.

INDIA.

WITH the close of the Indian National Congress attention shifted to other spheres, but India remains overwhelmingly the most important problem of British politics. The demand for independence stands, and beside it stands the reported statement by Lord RUSSELL, the Under-Secretary for India, that the goal of Dominion status cannot be reached all at once. This last is no more than the obvious truth, though it has been followed by various *démentis;* and its expression immediately following Mr. GANDHI'S fantastic claims emphasises how unbridgeable is the gulf between what those who pretend to speak for India demand and what any British Government can offer.

There remains, therefore, ample opportunity for crises, and they are likely to become more immediate and threatening when the SIMON Commission has delivered its Report. For that document can hardly fail to come broadly to the same conclusion as that alleged to have been expressed by Lord RUSSELL. How can this country forgo its responsibilities in India, or offer even a measure of autonomy faster than by easy stages? It has commitments not only to the Indian peoples, but to itself. According to an estimate in the *Financial Times* the total of British capital invested in India amounts to £700,000,000, and of this more than half is represented by Government and other public loans and guaranteed railway debt. How can any Government play fast and loose with that? Lord WINTERTON'S plea in our columns to-day for firmness and moderation in the handling of whatever situation may arise is the only sound one in the circumstances.

BEAUTY IN DISTRESS.

IT is good news that the proposal to acquire the Syon House estate of the Duke of NORTHUMBERLAND, close by Kew, for development as a sewage disposal works has aroused energetic protest. Here is the sacrifice of beauty to materialism with a vengeance. The ruthless acceptance of the utilitarian argument goes on without a thought for other values, until—often by chance—some person or organisation voices a protest, and the monstrosity of what is proposed is checked by public opinion. When will it be understood that even the utilitarian argument is false; that it is unsound economics to ruin beauty in the interests of material development? As we have said before, and shall doubtless have to say again, England's face is her fortune. Spoil it, and you are doing her not merely a spiritual but a commercial bad turn.

There assembles at Oxford this week a conference to discuss the disfigurement of the countryside by crude and ill-placed advertising. Here is another and an urgent aspect of the same thing. If public opinion were properly sensitive, the sight of an advertisement where it constituted an offence to the eye would react against the thing advertised, and so would have the reverse effect of that intended by the advertiser. This may come in time. Indeed we seem to remember an extremely eminent politician, when he was out of office, suggesting that the time might even come when consumers would league themselves together to boycott the goods of ill-mannered advertisers. Meanwhile we must concentrate on convincing the advertiser himself, and on bringing local authorities to use their prohibitive powers where they possess them, and, where they do not, to acquire them without delay.

DIMINUENDO.

WHO, looking back, does not recall the sound of a laborious piano-practice spoiling like rain some pleasant day or days? For, once, the five-finger exercises of JANE next door were a tedious inescapable part of life. But now, it seems, JANE listens-in, instead; and pianos are fewer. Statistics say that only seventy-five foreign pianos were imported in 1928, which, compared with 20,000 before the war, bespeaks a faint echo, indeed of former sounds. The instrument is no longer an essential piece of furniture. Indeed, as Sir HUGH ALLEN said in his recent address to the Incorporated Society of Musicians, more pianos are sold by householders to dealers than by dealers to householders. Even fond parents are learning to discriminate between the playing of their offspring and the work of distinguished artists on the wireless, and are proportionately less patient with fumblings that give no promise.

The phase, too, has passed when "The Blue Bells of Scotland," staggering from a child's fingers, was thought to stamp a home as respectable. This is all to the good. Those children for the most part never were, never would be, musicians. The art is free from social implications once again. Real talent will have its own urge—not superimposed with tears—to play; and it will have higher standards before it, from wireless and gramophone, than the joy of excelling little JANE next door.

CUP-TIE FEVER.

NOT mere interest, but a sort of burning excitement, began in the minds of millions yesterday with the first big day of the fight for the English Cup. Sixty-four teams took the field; and from now until April, with its climax at Wembley, a great public will follow the fortunes of the survivors more ardently than high political concerns. That is easy to explain. The conflicts are concrete and visible, sporting, exciting to watch, and immediate in result; and the average man has the pleasure of holding firm opinions (without fear of the expert) upon the merits of the combatants.

London had rare luck in the draw: of her eleven teams, ten played at home. In the North the clubs look to this renewed enthusiasm to rehabilitate finances depleted, of late, through poor "gates" during League games. But, oddly enough, calculation from the turnstiles is no true measurement here of public excitement, because so many games are followed vicariously through the printed reports. Teams never seen in the flesh are cheered and blamed, in groups and in houses apart, as intensely as if those who cheered and blamed them were present.

THE ATHLETIC AGE.

BASEBALL it is, apparently, that makes the world go round. The PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES draws £15,000 a year; "BABE" RUTH, the baseball player, has up to the present received a meagre £14,000, but is now agitating for a three years' contract at £17,000 a year. Athletics are more than politics in this year of grace, and nobody would listen to SOCRATES to-day were there a chance of looking at SUZANNE. HOMER would be quite outshone by his HELEN WILLS WORDSWORTH would have not a chance against the popularity of a WOOLLEY; and SHAKESPEARE himself in these days would be well advised to leave playwriting and take to Soccer. It is the hour of what Mr. KIPLING called—

. . . the flannelled fools at the wicket
or the muddied oafs at the goal.

Well to be born, not with a silver spoon in the mouth, but with a niblick in the hand; and we have it on the best authority that the day is coming when the hand that shoves the halfpenny will rule the world.

INDIA IN 1930.

BRITISH RAJ OR GANDHI RAJ.

DANGER OF WEAKNESS.

By Lord Winterton, M.P.

The situation in India remains the predominant British interest of the hour, and following the important article on the subject by Lord Meston, published last Sunday, we give to-day another authoritative expression of opinion by Lord Winterton, M.P.

Lord Winterton was Parliamentary Under-Secretary of State for India from March, 1922, to January, 1924, and from November of that year until the fall of the Conservative Government last June. He paid two visits to India during his term of office, and has travelled extensively in the East at different times.

I recall with gratitude, as I am sure do my two former chiefs, Lords Birkenhead and Peel, that the SUNDAY TIMES has always given consistent support to the policy of the "middle of the road" in Indian affairs, a policy which, *pace* its detractors, the late Administration at the India Office successfully carried out.

It is pertinent to make reference to this fact, because, whenever serious events occur in the great peninsula, the small proportion of British public opinion which is vocal on the subject of India tends to divide into two extreme points of view. The one, directly or by inference, suggests that all further attempts at self-government in India should be abandoned; the other urges that at all costs "repression" should be avoided.

The first point of view proceeds from demonstrably false premises; it is morally impossible to evade the pledge contained in the Declaration of 1917, and the practical result of a breach of faith by Great Britain in the East is always disastrous; the second point of view is based on an inability to understand that failure to repress and punish by every legitimate means incitements to violence and murder in India are tantamount to the condonation of crime, since public opinion East of Suez is too weak and unformed, of itself, to discourage and prevent illegal violence. What is the bearing of these undoubted facts on the present situation?

London Conference.

The Congress leaders have refused the invitation of the Viceroy to take part in the proposed London Conference. It is, in my judgment, unfair to the latter to suggest that because the attempt to make the Conference representative of all political opinion, however extreme, has failed, therefore it should not have been made. Men like Mr. Sastri, Sir Tez Bahadur Sapro, and others who have held high office in or on behalf of the Government of India, have signified their willingness to support the Conference; the fact that some of them have apparently, in advance, put forward views which will be difficult to reconcile with the realities of the situation when the Conference meets, is not unnatural in the circumstances, and does not alter the importance of their co-operation, in place of their former aloofness, since the Statutory Commission was formed.

It seems desirable that the terms of reference and composition of the Conference should be announced as soon as practicable, and that the Conference should meet in as reasonably short a time after the publication of the Report as is required for consultation between the British and Indian Governments.

The Congress Pronouncement.

The Indian Congress, true to its tendency of recent years, has declared for Independence to be attained by unconstitutional methods of agitation.

Its members are instructed to boycott the Legislatures; I sincerely hope that they will obey these orders, and thus rid those bodies of an utterly irresponsible element; equally I hope that the Government of India and the Provincial Governments will not hesitate to bring forward Bills and proposals which they deem necessary because of weakness and fear that they may be accused of taking an unfair advantage of the absence of their principal opponents.

The Congress, through some of its most prominent members, has, in effect, condoned what are cynically termed "political" offences, even when they involve murder, and thus, as well as by its general defiance of the authorities, has acted as an encouragement to the various Anarchist elements in India.

Obviously, it is the duty of both the British and Indian Governments at once to consider the legal aspects of the case, and prevent mischief arising from the Lahore gathering. This can be done either through the agency of the ordinary law, or by special powers which are in reserve.

Bengal Ordinance.

In this connection it is worth noting that the former Socialist Government sanctioned the Bengal Ordinance, which, regrettable necessity as it was, unquestionably during its operation preserved the lives of officials and loyal subjects in that province.

A Socialist Government is, however, from the nature of its support, in a weak position where the enforcement of law and order is concerned; nor is the situation bettered by the presence of a Liberal Opposition. Only those who lived in Southern Ireland, or (as I was) were in Parliament from 1906 onwards, can realise the extent to which Mr. Birrell's lamentable weakness in dealing with agrarian violence and crime contributed to the disintegration, in later years, of the whole machinery of government in Ireland.

It is, therefore, essential that public opinion here should be vigilant in demanding prompt action to prevent a recurrence of the events of 1919-1921 in India. They can be prevented.

An Intolerable Strain.

In the period in question, at the height of non co-operation, an intolerable strain was put, not only upon European officials, but upon the thousands of loyal Indians in the service of Government. In some ways the latter suffered most, for, whereas Europeans were subjected to public abuse and contumely, they had to face the subtle but persistent social and religious bias against connection with the Government, which existed at the time in a greater degree than ever before or since.

It is a tribute to Indian character, which is sometimes rather injuriously attacked in this country, to be able to record that, among those Indians, from members of Government to the humblest policemen or messengers, scarcely an individual failed in his duty to the King-Emperor whom he served. But they ought never again to be subjected to such a strain, nor, for the matter of that, ought the ordinary law-abiding countryman in India, who seldom bothers about politics.

"Not a Dog Barked."

Before Gandhi's arrest and the consequent collapse of the movement, it is probable that millions of cultivators were impressed with the idea that the British Raj had been superseded by the Gandhi Raj; solely concerned, as most of them were and are, by the preservation of their own small interests, they decided that they would best serve those interests by acclaiming the new rulers. The Government found itself confronted with the greatest danger to its continuance since the Mutiny.

Though I was not in office at the time, I held office sufficiently soon after these events to make it proper to write about them with restraint. This, however, may be said without indiscretion because the facts were patent to all India at the time. An Englishman, holding high official position in India, acted with the decisive courage which he has always displayed in time of crisis, and, in the exercise of his undoubted legal powers, arrested Mr. Gandhi. Other high authorities, who previously had had equal opportunities and justification for taking this step, refrained for reasons which, presumably, they held to be sufficient; I think history will commend the former and condemn the latter.

None of the evils which hyper-sentimentalists at home and abroad believed would follow from attacking the sacred person of Mr. Gandhi in fact occurred; the reverse was the case. "Not a dog barked" in all India; the non-co-operation movement collapsed. "Our old Raj is not dead after all," said the cultivators. A forceful act, based on indubitable legality and common sense, outwitted, for the time being, the nimble revolutionary brains of Bengali and other agitators.

A Golden Example.

The present Administrations in Whitehall and Delhi, if, as is likely, they should in 1930 be confronted with the same beginnings of revolution as were their predecessors in 1919 to 1921, have in the contrasting policies of the anonymous High Authorities to whom reference has been made a golden example of which to follow and which to eschew.

INTERNATIONAL BANK.

A LEAP IN THE DARK.

By S. S. HAMMERSLEY, M.P.

The second session of The Hague Conference is in being. Foremost amongst the important matters to decide is the proposed Bank for International Settlements. So complete is the lack of information concerning the policy, purpose, and functions of the International Bank (to give it its more popular name) that many people are profoundly disturbed lest, without adequate knowledge, the country should be committed to participation in an institution which may prove inimical to the nation's interests.

We are told that the International Bank will bring about closer co-operation between the central banks, and so result in a much-needed economy in the use of gold. By this economy in gold it is hoped that the continued decline in prices will be stayed and a period of stable prices induced. Certainly the aim is praiseworthy, but is it likely to be reached by means of the proposed International Bank?

The published statutes do not appear to contain any safeguards that this desirable aim will necessarily be realised. In fact, precisely the opposite result might take place. Article 22 states (*inter alia*):—The bank may (a) buy and sell gold coin or bullion for its own account or for the account of central banks; (b) hold gold for its own account under earmark in central banks; (c) accept the custody of gold for account of central banks. If the International Bank became a competitor for the already inadequate supply of gold, the burden of this competition would fall directly on the London free gold market, and indirectly on British industry.

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Is it desirable that the supply of credit to British industries should be affected, perhaps determined, by the deliberations of an international financial oligarchy? To support our population we have to sell large quantities of manufactured goods at world competitive prices, i.e., at international prices. Our ability to manufacture these goods at international prices is, in no inconsiderable measure, determined by national legislation. British Parliaments do not legislate for an international standard of living. We lead Europe in rates of wages and in hours of labour. Our overhead costs due to social services are far in excess of any country in the world. The difficulties of British manufacturers, struggling to sell at international prices with nationally determined overhead costs, are likely to be intensified if their supply of credit is internationally controlled.

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In recent months there has been a great fall in the price of silver. In consequence the Chinese currency (based on silver) has depreciated in value to an alarming extent. What will be the result? More spindles and looms stopped in Lancashire. Not because the Chinese no longer want our cotton goods, but because they can no longer afford to pay for them. As a remedy for the existing financial crisis the Chinese Government now suggest the establishment of a Central Bank of their own with a currency based on gold. What will be the reactions of the proposed International Bank to the formation of another Central Bank outside its orbit anxious to possess its own adequate gold reserves? In its anxiety to minimise the demand for gold (an economically desirable objective) the International Bank might frown on the Chinese proposal. In the result the purchasing power of the Chinese may be still further depreciated (a result which will be industrially disastrous for Lancashire).

Here we have a typical example of the clash of interest between industry and finance—a clash which may be intensified by the adhesion of this country to the proposal to form an International Bank.

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After our experience of 1924 and the premature return to the Gold Standard, I doubt if knowingly the country will be willing again to put finance first and industry second. The difficulty, of course, is that the country does not know. A shroud of secrecy conceals the whole matter.

It is unlikely that more than a dozen members of the House of Commons know anything of the underlying motive of the International Bank. Yet next week the Chancellor of the Exchequer may be called upon to take a decision which may be fraught with incalculable possibilities of good or harm for every inhabitant of our country. If we ought to participate in the International Bank, surely we are entitled to know why? If we ought not, then we should tear aside the concealing cloak which up to now has surrounded the whole subject.

ON CIRCUIT.

AN HISTORICAL SURVEY

PLANTAGENET DAYS—AND NOW.

By LORD DARLING.

Again it is the season of the early circuits, of those visitations of the Judges, or, more strictly speaking, of those learned lawyers who by virtue of His Majesty's Commission journey to the appointed places, there to administer justice in such matters—criminal as well as civil—as may await them. And with them go—as long has been the custom—a body of barristers, affected to each particular circuit, that there may be no lack of advocates to appear for or against, as may be required of them, all those having suits to urge or to defend.

Long has it been the habit of dwellers in London to complain of the temporary absence of the Judges about the affairs of rural litigants. Loudly do they lament that their own legal business should be intermitted for a time in favour of others—although whenever their causes are called it not infrequently leads to applications, especially on behalf of defendants, for less haste in the bringing of them to judgment—and Heaven and Magna Carta are alike invoked by those who have but the vaguest notions concerning either. Because it has been suggested to me that it may be well to consider this circuit system for a few moments, let me throw a glance backward to what was the administering of the law in days before London was the undisputed capital of England.

HENRY II.'s JUSTICE.

Whoever now may enter the Assize Court of a county town on the first day of the Assize week may see the Judge arrive, the High Sheriff accompanying him. The Clerk of Assize will unroll and read a quaintly worded document—the Commissions of Assize—and they are these, as Blackstone tells us: A commission of *oyer* and *terminer*, another of general *gaol delivery*, another of *Assize*, and another of *nisi prius*. The consequence of all this ceremonial is that the Court where the Royal Justice is administered has been brought within reach of all those who long could obtain none but in the Court of the Manor or the County. It has been well said by a learned author that "originally the King's Court had been merely one among many feudal courts—differing in degree rather than in kind from those of the great earls or barons. The King, as feudal Lord, dispensed justice among his tenants, just as any baron or freeman dispensed justice among *his* tenants bond or free. No one dreamed, in the time of the Norman kings, that the *Curia Regis* could undertake the labour of dispensing justice for the whole nation. No attempt was made in this direction until the time of Henry II., who was placed in a position of unprecedented power partly by circumstances, but chiefly by his great abilities."

It was the boast of the House of Anjou—and not without some plausibility—that they could trace back their origin to Beelzebub, the chief of the devils—and yet it is to this Plantagenet that we must look for the beginning of those legal reforms which were continued, in varying degrees, by Jeremy Bentham, Sir Samuel Romilly, and Lord Selborne.

Yet Henry II. was not the first King to send Justices into the counties with a commission from the Crown. It is certain that *Justices in Eyre* (*in itinere*) had to go on the business of the Crown, which was far less to redress the grievances of the subject than to collect money. So thoroughly did they do their necessary but disagreeable work that the present occupiers of Somerset House can hardly surpass them in the exact performances of their duties. Evasion there may be now, but it is recorded that in the middle of the thirteenth century, "the men of Cornwall, from fear of their coming, fled to the woods." Yet "the men of Cornwall" are notoriously far from timorous, for did they not, some centuries later, issue from their fastnesses and march on London itself, singing as they came:—

"And shall Trelawney die?
Then thirty thousand Cornishmen
Will know the reason why."

TRIAL BY ORDEAL

The emissaries of Henry II., however, were never unpopular; nor are their lineal successors, the Judges of Assize, less desired when coming, less esteemed when arrived. We read of them that "they were regarded not as royal tax-gatherers, armed with harsh powers of coercion, but as welcome bearers of justice to the doors of those who needed it." But this popularity has not been sufficient to protect the Circuit System from occasional proposals for its alteration, and even for its abolition. In the old days, when decisions were arrived at by means of various tests of fortitude, such as the ordeal of holding a bar of red-hot iron, or, with one's hands tied, swimming across a millstream, or, armed with sword, with axe, or mace, according to a man's quality, doing battle before an appreciative public, I believe it never was proposed that Assizes should be dispensed with.

It were too long, and possibly tedious, to attempt here to explain how lawyers consented to use such popular devices for the solving of questions relating to the ownership of land or the guilt or innocence of persons accused of crime. But some incidental amusement may be found in reading of the devices by which a litigant, not over-confident of the justice of his cause, might escape the severest of tests. For some of the finest subterfuges it may well be that the priests, and not the lawyers, are best entitled to the credit; but this must remain doubtful regarding a period in which it was commonly said: *Nullus clericus nisi causidicus.* Probably it was one of these men at once learned and holy who first propounded—for the saving of one whose life was forfeit because of his defeat in trial by battle—the ingenious theory that by becoming a monk he might escape the proper penalty of the gallows. I have avoided quoting the names of decided cases and of giving the reasons of the Judges; but of this one it should be recalled that it proceeds upon the indubitable fact that a man already dead cannot be made to suffer an earthly pain, and that one who has submitted to the tonsure and assumed the habit of a monk is in law as dead as a door-nail. Those curious in regard to such precedents may find much to their purpose by consulting Jocelyn of Brakelond.

AND BY JURY.

We must, however, believe that to Henry II. the device just mentioned appeared not altogether sufficient although

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LEWIS CASSON. LAWRENCE HANRAY.

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NEARING A SETTLEMENT AT THE HAGUE.

DRAMATIC SEQUEL TO MR. SNOWDEN'S VIGOROUS CRITICISM.

OBSTACLES REMOVED.

FRENCH PREMIER ON DR. SCHACHT AS GERMAN DICTATOR.

A settlement is in sight at The Hague. Mr. Snowden's vigorous protest at the Reparations Conference yesterday morning against the "intolerable" dilatoriness of the Germans had its sequel in such a speeding-up of matters that practically all obstacles to agreement, it was reported last night, have been removed.

When the Sanctions question has been disposed of, it is expected that the way will be clear for a final plenary session of the Conference.

The difficulties of the German position, and other aspects of the problem, are described by a SUNDAY TIMES special correspondent in an authoritative dispatch from The Hague.

A GENTLEMAN'S AGREEMENT.

MR. SNOWDEN'S WAY WITH ANNUITIES.

THE HAGUE, Saturday.

A momentous meeting of the Six Powers, at which Mr. Snowden complained that the dilatory methods of the Germans were "intolerable, took place this morning. In opening the meeting M. Jaspar, the Belgian Premier, said. "Where are we?" and himself replied, "Nowhere."

M. Chéron said that they were at the same point as they were on Thursday It was due to the fact that the German delegation were refusing to reply definitely by "Yes" or "No" to the various proposals which had been made

Mr. Snowden recalled the speech which M. Tardieu had made expressing dissatisfaction at the dilatory methods of the Germans, and said that since that time no settlement had been reached The situation had become intolerable. He had no desire to spend his entire life at The Hague The members of the delegations, so far as he knew, were the Plenipotentiaries of their countries, and as Plenipotentiaries they should have full powers and could say yes or no.

Then, with a touch of irony, Mr. Snowden remarked: "If perchance you would prefer the Dawes scheme you must say so. We are at your disposal"

This brought an immediate reply from Dr. Curtius, who said that in two hours he would be able to give a written reply to the demands of the creditors.—*Exchange.*

Speeding-up Matters.

Mr. Snowden's remarks induced the Germans to submit within two hours a memorandum containing their proposals on the three points which are still at issue. They were discussed at a meeting of the Creditor Powers from 3 p.m. to 5 p.m., when the German delegation joined them and a general discussion began. The three points are:—

1. Dates of payment.
2. Security of assigned revenues.
3. Conditions of the moratorium.

As regards dates of payment, the latest suggestion of the German delegation is an arrangement whereby part of the sums due be paid on the 15th of the month and part on the 30th of the month. This is a modification of the Young Plan itself, which provides for equal monthly payments. It is quite possible that this question may be settled in conjunction with that of the assigned revenues.

Concerning the conditions of the moratorium, the text of a new proposal has been submitted to the German delegation, and this text contains certain concessions to them. The general feeling is that the proposal will provide an opportunity for agreement. The main idea is to quote the text of the Young Plan itself on this point, and, should the necessity arise whereby it has to be applied, any dispute should be settled by arbitration.

With regard to the mobilisation of reparations, a discussion also took place, and M. Tardieu, the French Premier, made it quite clear that he could not accept the Young Plan for France unless they had an assurance that the German annuities would be mobilised, and also an assurance from the German Government that it would do nothing which might have an adverse effect on the market for the first issue of Reparation bonds.

Without Dr. Schacht's Permission.

The German delegation pointed out that, while they had no wish to place obstacles in the way of the issue of Reparation bonds, they could not undertake to avoid any market operations for an indefinite period. Moreover, they stated that before they could give an assurance on this point the Managing Board of the Reichsbank would have to be consulted. This brought M. Tardieu to his feet with the ironical suggestion that perhaps it might be possible for the German Government to decide as to its own policy without asking Dr. Schacht's permission.

Ultimately the Chancellor of the Exchequer proposed that "A Gentleman's Agreement" should be made with a view to leaving the field clear during a reasonable period for the issue of Reparation Bonds, and it was agreed that further conversations should take place between the French and German delegates with a view to finding a formula on this basis.

As regards the liquidation of the past, it was agreed that the German Government should have till next Wednesday to fix up arrangements in regard to the liquidation of property with Italy and the British Dominions. If agreement were not reached by Wednesday the German Delegation undertook to accept a clause in the Protocol which would definitely annul all German claims under this head.

To-morrow there will be no meeting of the "Big Six," but on Monday morning there will be a meeting of the five creditor Powers to discuss the Trust Agreement of the Bank of International Settlement, which will be attended by Sir Charles Addis, Sir Josiah Stamp, and Dr Schacht

On Monday afternoon there will be a meeting of the "Big Six," when the German delegation will be given definite replies to their proposals.

It can be said, therefore, that, as a result of to-day's discussions, practically all obstacles in the way of a settlement of German Reparations have been removed, and that as soon as the Sanctions question, which is still the subject of talks between the chief French and German delegates, has been disposed of, it will be possible to have a final plenary session of the Second Hague Conference.

As to the non German Reparation problem, it is regarded as possible that some of the points will not be regulated here, but held over, if necessary, for settlement at a later date.—*Reuter.*

ISSUES AT STAKE.

BRITISH INTEREST IN PAYMENTS DATE.

By A SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT AT THE HAGUE.

The resumed Reparations Conference at The Hague is altogether different from that of August. During the past week Mr. Snowden and Mr. Graham have been continuing their endeavours to secure the application of the August protocol. Dr. Moldenhauer, the new German Finance Minister, is more able than his predecessor in August, Dr. Hilferding, and, while Dr. Curtius can not yet command the attention of the late Dr. Stresemann, he is personally attractive, and he certainly appreciates that Germany has much to gain by speedy settlement.

The political issues are comparatively simple. The Germans have a difficult background. If they yield on this point and that, they provide material for Dr. Schacht. The other delegates think that the President of the Reichsbank will have to be fought; and they believe that it were better that task were tackled now.

But there are at least several million votes against the Young Plan in Germany. The delegates can hardly return if here and there the Plan has been stiffened for the further protection of the creditor Governments. On the other hand, there never was a document which was so badly drafted; it bears all the traces of haste and compromise; and many of its passages can be read several ways.

Many hours are spent in technical discussion. As a rule, the Germans reserve their position; the chief creditor countries remain united, and hope that the jurists or the experts, or indeed anybody, will find a formula to reconcile the divergent views. Side by side with this effort another commission deals with the non-German reparations, where progress has been slow and often delicate.

At the moment and in summary, Germany will probably agree to give a generally satisfactory promise for the faithful discharge of all the obligations of the Young Plan. That covers a promise not to apply for postponement of the conditional or postponable annuities until she has exhausted every effort within Germany to meet her obligations. All that is implied in the Young Plan, already, with the August modifications, accepted. But the conference is now in practice hammering out the details of the final protocol; and it is important that its terms should be binding, explicit, and, so far as things human can be, final.

Gold Basis for Mark.

Germany will see that the reichsmark gets *de jure* as well as *de facto* a gold basis. The Young Plan provided that certain revenues on common commodities should be assigned to the creditor countries against the payment of the postponable part of the annuities. Britain, France, and others wished collateral security, in a scheme which would have put these revenues to a special account in charge of the Bank for International Settlements, thereby providing a basis for the payment of the annuities. Alternatively, Britain thought that the sum payable monthly by the German railway undertaking should not be released until the whole of the monthly annuity instalment had been paid, and not merely a portion corresponding to the fifty-five million reichsmarks per month which the railway has to find. The German delegation protested that such proposals went beyond the negative security in the assigned revenues suggested by the Young Plan, as, indeed, they do; and I think the Germans will win on this issue

Against that, however, there are points which the creditor countries must press In the draft debt certificate of the German Government they consider that without qualification any postponed part of the annuities should be immediately due and payable at the end of the period of postponement. The Germans would like to leave that so far to the advice of the advisory committee, in the sense that rather more than two years' postponement in the event of financial or industrial difficulty within Germany might be permitted The Young Plan said that two years must be the dead limit. The creditors will insist; whether Germany will finally accept remains in doubt

£4,000,000 in Sixty Years.

Further, there is a unanimous creditor desire that the payments should be on the 15th day of each month Since the tables of the annuities in the Young Plan were actuarially calculated on that basis the creditors cannot alter their views, and the experts, or at all events the majority of them, agree that that was the distinct understanding when the Young Plan was drawn up

I am told that if the date were the end of the month, as Germany suggests, the cost to Great Britain would be approximately £4,000,000 in all over the sixty years' annuity period Each year it is not large, but Britain cannot afford to give away even a long-term £4,000,000 loss

Then Belgium wishes a somewhat better arrangement of share in the unconditional annuities, that is, in the part which cannot be postponed France gets the bulk of them: Great Britain an improved share, thanks to the events of August Italy and others also a share. Belgium has no place in the unconditional annuities. Such an arrangement must be purely voluntary between France and Belgium; and I gather that if they can come to terms the other creditor countries are not

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LORD RUSSELL'S SPEECH.

SENT OFFICIALLY TO INDIA.

WIRELESS COMEDY.

By A SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT.

The dilemma in which Earl Russell, the new Parliamentary Under-Secretary of State for India, has placed the Government by his speech at Cambridge yesterday week has its amusing side.

The speech at the outset was not as widely reported as are some Ministerial utterances, and it was only following the publication of the report in the SUNDAY TIMES that it was sent to India, not by one of the news agencies, but by the Government's own Wireless News Bureau.

This is a department of the Foreign Office which every day circulates by wireless news to Dominion and overseas newspapers.

There was considerable consternation in the Department, I am told, when it was realised that the Official Wireless News Bureau had been responsible for sending to India the report which proved so embarrassing to Lord Russell's immediate chief, Mr. Wedgwood Benn, and to the Prime Minister.

Lord Russell has complained that the summarised report of his speech was not a fair summary, but when the longer report from the *Cambridge Daily News* was afterwards cabled to India, the indignation which the first report aroused was in no way lessened.

The consensus of opinion is that the short version was a fair summary of the long one.

AIR LINER IN SNOW STORM.

MACHINE FORCED DOWN.

A Belgian air liner made a forced landing near Mapledale Avenue, Addiscombe, late yesterday afternoon.

None of the passengers or the pilot was injured, and the liner was only slightly damaged.

The machine, which was flying to Croydon from Brussels, ran into a snowstorm over Shirley. Visibility was so bad that the pilot decided to land in a field. It is hoped to bring the liner into Croydon to-day.

MR. HENDERSON.

TALK WITH M. BRIAND ON WAY TO GENEVA.

FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT.

PARIS, Saturday.

M. Briand, who came here last night from The Hague, received Mr. Henderson at the Quai d'Orsay this morning. The British Foreign Minister was accompanied by Lord Tyrrell, British Ambassador in Paris. The conversation between the two Ministers was prolonged, and the subjects discussed included various questions of international moment which are to come before the Hague Conference, the Council of the League of Nations, and the London Naval Conference

Mr. Henderson left here for Geneva shortly before noon. M. Briand is to follow to-morrow morning.

Mr. Henderson and other members of the British Delegation reached Geneva last night.

CUP FOOTBALL.

BIG CROWDS DESPITE BAD WEATHER.

The F.A. Cup competition began in real earnest yesterday with the Third Round, in which clubs of the First and Second Divisions came into the fray

Although the weather conditions were bad, there were some big attendances. Fifty-five thousand spectators watched the Arsenal beat Chelsea at Highbury, and the meeting of the Corinthians and Millwall attracted 45,000 people to the Crystal Palace.

Cup-ties usually yield surprises, and yesterday's round was no exception. Swindon Town, humble members of the Third Division, conquered Manchester United, members of the First Division, at Manchester.

Another third Division club, York City, drew at Newcastle, and Wrexham beat West Bromwich Albion at Wrexham.

The details of the ties will be found on page 20.

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likely to plead that they should rank *pari passu* in any concession which France gives in this sphere

Two large questions remain. The Bank for International Settlements looks like being a cross between a post office for all the Governments interested and a somewhat spineless central bank. It will collect and distribute the annuities, receive copies of the contracts for deliveries in kind, be very largely the child of the national central banks in Europe; but it will have none of the large scope in international commercial transactions which the Young experts in their report somewhat vaguely outlined That may come. At present it is not on any part of the horizon The Belgians would like the bank to be in Brussels. If they get accommodation with the French in a part of the unconditional annuities they may not wish to press the question of the locus of the bank But whether they do or not the overwhelming verdict is for Basle. There it will be found, although many non-British authorities at The Hague think it would be much better in London.

Sanctions.

The other problem is sanctions. Apparently high legal authority in different countries has now decided that in the events of the Dawes and the Young plans, and in the general run of effort following the Versailles Treaty, the sanctions clauses of the latter have, in fact, disappeared The leading delegates at The Hague did not wish discussion on this point: there is, however, a political background in Germany and certainly in France At the moment the aim is to secure a formula which reiterates the German desire faithfully to carry out the plan in its entirety. If that is done there will be no questions of sanctions, which could only, of course, take the form of occupation of territory, control of the Customs or ports, or similar objectionable device.

If, however, it should on reference to the Permanent Court at The Hague be decided that Germany is wilfully in default, then it is to be understood (so the suggestion runs) that all sanction rights under the Treaty of Versailles are revived What that would be worth no one can say; but the mere possibility of such a development would, it is argued be valuable. The position of the German Government is difficult. They do not wish to play into the hands of the Nationalists and the opponents of the Young Plan They are satisfied that, given a fair chance, they can carry it in Germany. French delegates are sympathetic.

There is, accordingly, a firm hope that the creditor countries and Germany will reach a fair compromise; and that within a day or two, as prelude to the successful conclusion of the resumed conference, this troublesome, important, but provocative problem will be removed from the field.

TO TEACH US GLIDING.

GERMAN EXPERTS FOR BRITAIN.

NEW AIR SPORT.

"100,000 MEMBERS IN A FEW YEARS."

By OUR AIR CORRESPONDENT.

Because there is no one in England who knows enough about gliding, German experts are to be brought to this country to teach members of a newly-formed association how to use gliders.

The association is the British Gliding Association, which has been formed to foster the sport and science of gliding—flying, literally, "on the wings of the wind," in tiny, engineless aeroplanes. As well as having Air Vice-Marshal Sir Sefton Brancker, Director of Civil Aviation, as its president and supporter, the association has the backing of the Royal Aeronautical Society of Great Britain.

Several gliders from Germany will be delivered shortly, and the German instructors are expected over here in a few weeks' time.

HUNDREDS IN USE.

Gliding has not found great favour in England before, but, on account of the Peace Treaty restrictions, Germany has specialised in it for some time. The Germans are restricted in their development of aircraft and the number of machines they produce, but the simpler craft used for gliding are not restricted; consequently hundreds of gliders are now in use in that country.

The sport has a following of several thousand there, and the science of engineless flight has been developed to a fine point The whole German gliding movement is controlled by one organisation, the Rhone-Rossitten Club, which has power to lay down the law of gliding with regard to safety, records, and qualifications

Two German aircraft experts are to visit London next month to tell the Royal Aeronautical Society some of the facts about gliding that the Germans have learned from experience These experts are Dr. Walter Georgii, Professor of the Technical High School, Darmstadt, a leading authority on gliding, and Herr Stamer, Director of the Flying School of the German Research Institute.

Mr. L. Howard-Flanders, secretary of the British Gliding Association, who was well known as a designer of aircraft in the earlier years of aviation in England, is optimistic about the success of gliding in this country He told me yesterday that he anticipated a membership of a hundred thousand in a few years.

COST NOT PROHIBITIVE.

The cost of gliding is not prohibitive, and this fact will help to make the sport popular in England It would be possible to form local clubs, with one or two craft, having a few dozen members paying only 10s. each.

Gliders will be made in England later, but for three or four months they are to be imported from Germany. The cost will be £43 for a "school" glider, on which elementary principles can be learned, and about £300 for the more advanced type. When the gliders are made in this country, these figures will be reduced.

"There is plenty of space for gliding all over England," Mr Howard-Flanders told me, "and we intend to get as many people as possible interested in the movement. It is, I think, quite an excellent way of getting Britain 'air-minded,' for the science of gliding, once learned, proves useful to a person who, later, learns to fly power-drive machines.

"Gliding is purely a matter of skill by the pilot, who has to understand wind currents, and must know how to use them so that they carry his craft into the air. With an advanced type of glider it is possible, with favourable conditions, to rise to a height of several thousand feet by flying from the peak of one air current to the next.

According to a statement by the Royal Aero Club, the gliding records held by Germany are:—Duration of flight, 14 hours 7 minutes; maximum flying distance, 282.5 miles; distance in a straight line, 44.7 miles; altitude, 3,957.9 feet; and speed in a closed circuit, 33.5 miles an hour. These records were made in the Rhone-Rossitten districts.

THE SICK LIST.

SIR EDWARD BETHUNE'S ILLNESS.

Last night's reports of notable invalids were as follows:—

THE COUNTESS OF CAVAN: Passed a good night and condition shows improvement.

THE EARL OF CROMER: Doctors satisfied with progress.

VISCOUNT BYNG: Going on very well.

GENERAL SIR EDWARD BETHUNE: Going on nicely.

MR. L. J. MAXSE: A more comfortable night: condition shows some improvement.

MR. WALTER BAKER, M.P.: Condition improving.

DR. G. A. CHAMBERS, Bishop of Central Tanganyika: Progressing satisfactorily.

JUDGE OWEN THOMPSON (Bow County Court): Much better and progressing satisfactorily

MR. FREDERICK MEAD, the Marlborough Street Police Court magistrate, who is 82 years old, is suffering from a slight cold.

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POLITICAL NOTES

LIBERAL DIVISION.

LORD GREY AND "L.G."

By OUR POLITICAL CORRESPONDENT.

Apart from the frank but embarrassing utterance of Lord Russell, the political record of the week is as exiguous as the story of the needy knifegrinder. Members of Parliament are still for the most part making holiday, and show little disposition to hasten their return to town. There will, however, be some resumption of activity this week, for the Liberal Council is to meet on Tuesday under the presidency of Viscount Grey of Fallodon, and the proceedings thereat will undoubtedly be marked by "a certain liveliness." It is no secret that though a sort of truce was arranged during the elections the relations between those who run the Liberal Council and the Parliamentary leader of the party remain distinctly frigid. It will be remembered that in the division on the Second Reading of the Coal Bill, Sir Donald Maclean and Mr. Runciman did not follow Mr. Lloyd George into the lobby against the Bill, and it is understood that in his speech on Tuesday Lord Grey will commend their abstention on the ground that the vote against the Bill was ill-advised, as calculated to disturb good relations between the party and the Ministerialists. It seems likely, too, that "L. G." will come in for further animadversion with respect to the party fund, which always crops up at the Liberal Council meetings, but he will not have long to wait for his opportunity to reply, as he is to speak a week later at a party luncheon at the National Liberal Club.

The Hague Conference.

The current Hague Conference is in strong contrast with that of the early autumn, when Mr. Snowden became *per saltum* the most conspicuous figure in Europe by the outspokenness and determination with which he defended British interests in the discussion of the Young Plan. There have not been, nor are there likely to be, any dramatic episodes in the present sittings, which are mainly occupied with discussions of a technical and rather abstruse character, making for ennui and somnolence rather than heat and excitement. Even Mr. Graham, who can find his way easily and cheerfully through complexities of finance, must, I fancy, be feeling somewhat bored at times, and anxious to get back to London in view of the task awaiting him of piloting the Coal Bill through Committee and Report. He is, as Mr Gladstone said of Ayrton, "a glutton for work," but he is likely to have had enough of it by the time the Bill passes its third reading.

Dissolution Rumours.

There are rumours of an early dissolution in the air, but they may be taken with many grains of salt. For one thing, the Prime Minister has set his mind on signalising his first session by placing two or three measures to which he is pledged on the statute-book, and now realises that, though he is nominally in a minority, he has not an effective majority against him. And, for another, he, or, at any rate, some of his colleagues, are a little apprehensive that things might not go "according to plan" at another election with a disillusioned electorate. Altogether, as things are, I don't think dissolution will be of the Government's seeking for the present.

Lord Russell's Indiscretion.

Lord Russell has started his job as Under-Secretary for India rather unfortunately. What he said at Cambridge was what a good many other politicians are saying, and most of us are in agreement with. Only those people who have no intelligent conception of the problems of Asiatic government, and the slow process of Eastern development, can imagine that Dominion status, which has been held out to India as the goal of our policy, can be realised in any immediate future. But in the present ferment in India it is unwise to rub in this truth, especially through the mouth of a Minister, for it gives a pretext to the subversive element in the dependency to cast doubt on our good faith, and to assert that the promise of the Viceroy's declaration was without intention of fulfilment.

Division Records.

The Ministerial "whipping" on the second reading of the Coal Bill was remarkable, and one reason of its success seems to be the excellent example of assiduity set by the Whips themselves. There have so far been 113 divisions, and the Chief Government Whip, Mr. Thomas Kennedy, has taken part in 110 of them while three of his adjutants—Mr Wm. Bennett, Mr Chas Edwards, and Mr. W. Whiteley voted in 112. The "good boys" of the present Parliament are, however, Mr. J. C. Ede, the Socialist member for South Shields, and Mr. Herbert George Romeril, Socialist member for S.E. St Pancras, neither of whom has missed a single division. The Prime Minister has taken part in 80, Mr. Snowden in 76, Mr. Baldwin in 53, and Mr Lloyd George in 35.

CANADA'S FUTURE.

MR. CHURCHILL AND "THE ROLL TO THE NORTH."

In a special article which he contributes to the *Daily Telegraph* to-morrow, Mr Winston Churchill, M.P., describes with a picturesque pen the long journey from Manitoba to the Pacific. The Canadian Rockies especially impressed him, with their "glories of Alpine scenery extending in size over twenty Switzerlands."

He notes that Canadian pioneers no longer look East and West, but in a new direction—North The Canadian Pacific Railway has thrust a branch line northward to the waters of Hudson Bay.

The feature of the next twenty-five years, he foresees, will be "the roll to the North"—the expansion of the central wheat-production area of Canada in that direction, which in time will make the Hudson Bay route one of the important supply feeders of the world. Both in grain and minerals the potentialities can hardly be estimated

LADY MAUD HOARE

AN ICE ACCIDENT IN SWITZERLAND.

ST. MORITZ, Saturday.

Lady Maud Hoare, wife of Sir Samuel Hoare, lately the British Secretary of State for Air, this morning broke her leg in two places while on the Suvretta Ice Rink.

She is an accomplished skater, and was merely standing on the ice when her foot slipped. *Reuter.*

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SECRET DOCUMENT ALLEGATIONS.

ANTI-SOVIET "PLOT."

SIR HENRI DETERDING'S COMMENT.

During the trial in Berlin of men accused of plotting against the Soviet Government, the name of Sir Henri Deterding, director-general of the Royal Dutch Petroleum Co. and director of the Shell Transport and Trading Co., has been mentioned.

The SUNDAY TIMES *Berlin correspondent's message, printed below, was read to Sir Henri last night, by telephone to the Château Olga, St. Moritz, where he is staying, and he made the following comment:—*

"I know nothing about it. You evidently know more than I do."

FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT.

BERLIN, Saturday.

What is said to be an important revelation is made to-day by the German Central Communist daily newspaper *Rote Fahne* in connection with the trial of eight men alleged to have been concerned in a plot to overthrow the Russian Soviet Government by flooding the country with forged Russian bank-notes

At one stage of the trial the court was cleared for the reading of a document. This was put in by Karumidze, a former member of the Georgian Parliament, and now a political exile. He is the chief figure among the prisoners. This document, he said, would prove that he had acted honestly and with idealistic motives; but he asked that it should be treated as private, on the ground that otherwise the safety of the State might be endangered.

So, on his request, the court was cleared, and complete silence was maintained afterwards concerning the contents of the document.

This morning, the Communist newspaper professes to reveal the secret thus carefully kept, and announces that the document is official proof of the identity of Karumidze, signed by General Kress von Kressenstein, who then commanded a Bavarian group of the Reichswehr.

It was von Kressenstein, the *Rote Fahne* asserts, who introduced Karumidze to the late General Hoffmann It was von Kressenstein, it adds, who commanded the German occupying forces in Georgia during the Menschevik régime, and it was in his quarters that conferences were held, at which were present General Stokes (who commanded the British troops that replaced the German Army of Occupation in Georgia in the year 1919), Karumidze and other émigrés.

The *Rote Fahne* asserts, further, that the visit of General Hoffmann and his party to London was financed partly by the Dresdner Bank, which had large interests in the Caucasus before the war, and worked there with the British. It says, also, that when Sir Henri Deterding was in Germany two years ago he got into personal touch with the heads of the Dresdner Bank.

The Communist newspaper claims to have information to the effect that the German officers under von Kressenstein rejected the British plan to attack the Soviet Union from Persia, and proposed an advance from Batum and Erzerum, and that the Bulgarian *Komitatjis* [Irregulars] had been bribed with money and arms to support the cause.

SPECIAL PASSES.

A PRIME MINISTER'S SON MENTIONED.

BERLIN, Saturday.

New and sweeping allegations, made by the Communist daily, the *Rote Fahne*, embrace the Reichswehr the German Foreign Office, and the son of the Bavarian Prime Minister.

At the opening of the trial the aim of the conspirators was stated to be to finance a revolt in Georgia while undermining Soviet currency with counterfeit banknotes. It was also declared that General Hoffmann, who, during the war, was chief of staff of President Hindenburg, was to be the prime mover in an attempt by German and British capitalists to wrest the Caucasian States from the Soviet Union, and that when this had been accomplished the group of capitalists would be allowed to exploit the Caucasian oilfields

In this connection the Communist paper alleges that, while he was in Germany in 1928, Sir Henri Deterding had long conversations with important principals of the Dresdner Bank.

It is declared not only that, at the time of the negotiations between the "conspirators," Karumidze was in possession of a Reichswehr pass signed by General von Kresserstein, but that a special diplomatic pass was issued to the son of Dr. Held, Prime Minister of Bavaria, for the purpose of a visit to Sofia, where, at the Hotel Bulgaria, he met another of the accused men in August, 1927 (after the "plot" had been exposed) This son of Dr Held, it is added, was not in the diplomatic service, and therefore not entitled to such a pass. *Central News.*

LONDON NAVAL CONFERENCE.

LEAGUE OBSERVER MAY BE SENT.

BRITISH REQUEST.

PLANS FOR A WORLD BROADCAST.

The Prime Minister and Miss Ishbel MacDonald yesterday entertained M. Wakatsuki and his colleagues of the Japanese naval delegation, Admiral Takarabe and Mr Matsudaira (Japanese Ambassador in London), and their ladies, at Chequers. The party journeyed to the country by motor-car.

Mr. Arthur Henderson, Foreign Secretary, has requested the Secretary-General of the League of Nations to inform Mr. Eric Colban, the chief of the Disarmament Section of the League Secretariat, that, in view of the important bearing which the Naval Conference is likely to have upon the work of the Preparatory Commission of the League, the British Government is of opinion that it would be most useful for all concerned if he would attend the Conference as observer without, however, participating in its deliberations.

Mr. J. E. Fenton, the Commonwealth Minister of Customs, who will represent Australia at the Conference, is breaking his journey in Paris. He expects to arrive in London to-morrow evening, but he may be detained in Paris till Wednesday.

17 MICROPHONES.

Elaborate precautions are in hand to ensure that the speeches at the opening ceremony of the conference in the Royal Gallery of the House of Lords on the 21st, shall be perfectly audible to all present.

No fewer than seventeen microphones will be installed. Round the table at which the twenty-eight delegates are seated will be fourteen microphones, of the type used for broadcasting, and two more are allotted to the interpreters.

As each speaker rises a "look-out" man, posted in an alcove, will signal by telephone to the engineers in charge of the apparatus in the ante-room, and the correct microphone will be switched into circuit Thus every word will be picked up by the apparatus with a minimum of background.

An amplifier will magnify the electrical speech currents from the microphones and deliver the resultant output to seven Marconiphones suspended vertically from the roof.

Canada has now been added to the list of countries to be embraced in the world-wide broadcast of the address of the King on opening the Conference. The broadcast will be conveyed across the Atlantic from the B.B.C. transmission by the Marconi Beam, and thus received at Yamachiche, in the Province of Quebec.

Land circuits will then carry the broadcast to Montreal, where it will be carried over the circuits of the Canadian National Telegraphs to stations at Moncton, N.B., the most easterly broadcast post in North America, to Vancouver, B.C., a tie-in which requires the use of more than 10,000 miles of wire for broadcast and monitoring purposes.

AIMING FOR PEACE.

MR. WAKATSUKI'S HOPES OF SUCCESS.

By A SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT.

An optimistic view of the Conference was expressed to me in an interview by Mr. Wakatsuki, the leader of the Japanese Delegation. His preliminary conferences at Washington had not lessened the hopeful anticipations with which he left Japan.

"I set out from Japan," he told me, "convinced that solid and lasting good will would come from the Conference. Nothing that has happened or that I have heard since my departure has made me less hopeful."

He had been reading a translation of the French Memorandum as I entered, and I asked his opinion of it

"So far, I have only studied the first part," he answered. "It is logical. Even in it I notice the expression of the desire of the French Government to bring about a reduction of naval armaments and to promote world peace. When Governments are actuated by these motives, as our own also is, it ought to be possible to arrange how our mutual aim can be accomplished, in a way satisfactory to both.

"I had various opportunities of studying our mutual viewpoints with both President Hoover and Mr. Stimson, the American Secretary of State. You will appreciate that it would be impossible for me to disclose those private conversations, for the moment."

"Some critics have declared that insuperable difficulties revealed themselves," I ventured Mr. Wakatsuki smiled as he shook his head. "There were none," he responded.

"Towards Britain, Japan has long had a close bond of friendship and sympathy," the statesman continued. "Because of our regard, we begin the examination of any plan put forward by Britain, with a desire to co-operate, as far as possible. If there were no

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FAMOUS HOTEL IN FLAMES.

BRITISH GUESTS ESCAPE

PERSONAL BELONGINGS LOST.

GIBRALTAR, Saturday.

The famous Reina Cristina Hotel at Algeciras, which is known to thousands of tourists and to all occupants of Gibraltar, caught fire tonight. The flames were clearly seen from here, and the sight drew large crowds to the fortifications. Gibraltar fire brigade left at short notice, but on reaching the end' of their fifteen miles dash they found themselves frustrated by lack of water.

The guests, numbering about seventy, and mostly British, were safely removed, and are now accommodated in hotels in Algeciras and Gibraltar.

Troops and Civil Guards are surrounding the still smouldering ruins of the hotel, which has been almost entirely destroyed.

The guests lost practically all their clothing and personal effects. The hotel is British owned, Lord Faringdon, formerly chairman of the Great Central Railway, being the chief proprietor.—*Reuter*

LONDON NAVAL CONFERENCE.

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other reason than our old friendship, Japan would desire the success of the London Conference."

SINGAPORE BASE.

"And yet points of difference have arisen between us," I interposed. "For instance, there is the question of the fortification of the Singapore base."

"It is true that the people of Japan do not like the construction of a strong naval base, such as Singapore, in the Pacific. 'We are friends. Why should our friends come and build this thing at our gates?' our people ask. But Japan does not propose on her part to raise this issue in any way at the Conference. If we did so now, it might be misunderstood as having some connection with the issues we have resolved to consider."

I suggested that Japan is specially desirous of naval reductions for economic reasons, to reduce national expenditure, but Mr. Wakatsuki quietly corrected me.

"There is more behind our action than the desire to reduce expenditure," he emphasised "The past ten years have witnessed the great growth of pacifism in Japan. Recent events have brought home to us the futility of war, and the inevitable evils that it brings in its train.

"Japan aims at peace, because it is necessary to eliminate the friction between nations, and we believe that the limitation of the preparations for war—mutually agreed and satisfactorily performed—would set the world free to go forward on the path of betterment, and would be to the advantage of all.

"As a result of such agreement, we could naturally look for substantial economic gain We desire this, for Japan has a large working population, and one of the main problems of statesmanship is to ease the burdens and promote the prosperity of the people."

DISLIKE OF COMMUNISM.

My final question was about the relations between Japan and Soviet Russia. "We do not like, and do not profess to like, Communism," Mr. Wakatsuki answered. "And we have no intention of allowing it to establish itself among us. But we were one of the first Powers to establish diplomatic relations with the Soviet Government, and, as we have no idea of seeking to isolate Russia, we have endeavoured to encourage mutual efforts to establish and maintain peace. It is a pity that Russia has not participated in movements, such as the League of Nations, that are attempting this thing."

"Japan desires world peace," Mr. Wakatsuki emphasised, in conclusion. "We are always ready to co-operate with other nations to promote it."

KEEPING IN TOUCH.

U.S. ATTACHES CALLED TO LONDON.

WASHINGTON, Saturday.

It was stated at the White House to-day that any discussion of enlarging the agenda of the London Conference must await the arrival of the American delegation.

This statement was made in response to suggestions that the negotiations of a separate pact covering the Mediterranean might be undertaken as a means of bringing about an accord between France and Italy It was also stated that Mr. Hoover had received no communications from the delegation since it sailed.

In order to keep himself informed of the sentiment throughout Europe during the progress of the Conference, Mr Stimson has summoned Attachés of the American Embassies in Belgium, France, Italy, Germany, and Switzerland to London These officials will remain in London only long enough to make arrangements for transmitting Press comment and other information to the American delegation, and will then go back to their posts.

American opinion will be watched closely by Mr. Stimson, who will be furnished daily by cable with a summary of news and leading articles published in this country relating to the Conference. - *Reuter.*

GERMANY AND TURKEY

BERLIN-ANGORA AIR MAIL ARRANGED.

FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT.

BERLIN, Saturday.

A contract was signed yesterday by the Turkish Minister for the Interior and a representative of the German Lufthansa which accords to the latter organisation the right to establish and to maintain for twenty years an air-post between Berlin and Constantinople.

This is all the more important to the Lufthansa as the service is to be extended later from Constantinople to the Far East.

On the basis of this contract the Lufthansa will commence a regular air postal and freight service between Berlin and Angora in the spring.

GOVERNORSHIP OF N.S.W.

SYDNEY, Saturday.

Mr. Bavin, the New South Wales Premier, refuses to confirm or deny reports that Air Vice-Marshal Sir Philip Game will succeed Admiral Sir Dudley de Chair as Governor of New South Wales when his term of office expires in March.—*Reuter.*

FARTHINGS FOR HOSPITAL.

Sacks, bags and paper bags of farthings were received yesterday by Princess Marie Louise at the Belgrave Hospital for Children. The Childer Chaire supports eight cots in the hospital, and their collection last year was 184,000 farthings. Since 1914 they have gathered in 1,147,000 farthings, equal to £1,194.

This year Mr. S. F. Upton, of Camberwell, sent 25,000, and in the last six years has contributed 185,000 farthings.

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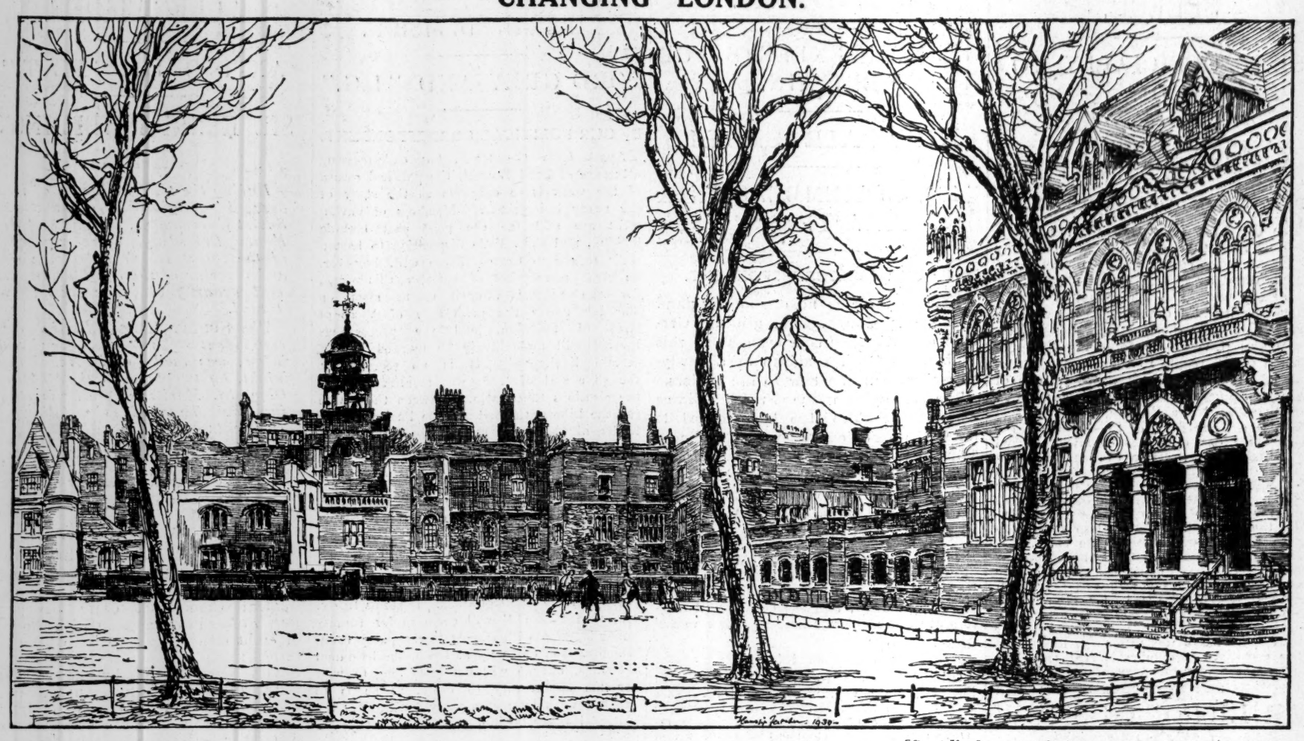
CHANGING LONDON.



[*Specially drawn for the* SUNDAY TIMES *by Hanslip Fletcher.*

Merchant Taylors' School with the Charterhouse and Elizabethan cloister. The Great Hall on the right was built in 1873 on the removal of the School from Suffolk Lane to its present site. The School will remove to Moor Park, Rickmansworth, in about three years' time.

"THE MOST LAWLESS COUNTRY."

U.S. CRIME REPORT.

FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT.

WASHINGTON, Saturday.

The failure to enforce the law is responsible for the spread of crime in the United States, and has earned it the reputation of being the most lawless country in the world, according to the report of Mr. Hoover's Crime Commission which for the past seven months has been probing into the serious social menace.

The Government's machinery for law enforcement has been overtaxed by the widespread violation of Prohibition, motor-car theft, white slave traffic, immigration, and other criminal laws, says the report, and has broken down.

The Commission, divided into eleven principal Commissions, has closely examined the subjects of police, prosecution, courts, penal institutions, probation and parole, Prohibition, cost of crime, juvenile delinquency, criminal justice, and abuses in enforcement.

The report, which is merely a preliminary one, makes no recommendations for remedying the situation, and disappoints in the sense that it avoids any discussion of the fundamentals of Prohibition.

Such remedial suggestions as the Commission makes have been sent privately to the President, who will transmit them to Congress on Monday It is expected that they will contain proposals for changes in the methods of dealing with crime, its detection, prosecution, and punishment.

Instead of any request for the moderation of the "dry" laws, so frequently blamed as the root of most of the evil here, it is anticipated that the President will ask for more funds for their enforcement.

Prohibition continues to be one of the most controversial subjects of discussion throughout the country and in both Houses of Congress.

GABY DESLYS.

IDENTITY OF HER ALLEGED DOUBLE VERIFIED.

PARIS, Saturday.

The identity of Mlle. Edwige Navaritil, the alleged double of Gaby Deslys, has been officially verified by the judicial authorities here. She has produced convincing evidence that she is Edwige Navaritil, and no one else.

It will be recalled that the Navaritil family, who are Hungarian, and who have lost sight of Edwige for years, maintain that the Gaby who died in a Paris nursing home was a Navaritil, and they claimed Gaby's inheritance in consequence.

Mlle. Navaritil was also formerly a dancer, and she bears a striking physical resemblance to Gaby Deslys, but she categorically denies ever having impersonated her.—*Reuter.*

PARROT DISEASE.

SPREAD CAUSES ALARM: ANOTHER DEATH.

NEW YORK, Saturday.

Public officials are becoming alarmed at the spread of psittacosis, the rare disease which attacks those who have handled parrots. A woman died in Baltimore to-day, and two cases in New York, which were first reported as influenza have now been diagnosed as psittacosis. Inspectors are visiting all wholesale pet shops in New York.—*Reuter.*

LATE NEWS

MONETARY SITUATION IN SPAIN.

An Exchange message from Madrid this morning states that a semi-official announcement made after a Council meeting last night declared that the Spanish Government had examined the question of the peseta, and had approved economic and financial measures to cope with the situation.

The Note added that the Government, convinced of the falsity of a foreign campaign against the Spanish economic situation, had decided to invite four or six foreign currency and economic experts to visit Spain to study the problem, and to draw up a report on the laws dealing with money matters which would be enforced with the utmost severity.

The President of the Council announced that the value of the pound sterling would be fixed at the least at thirty-five pesetas.

THE KING OF BULGARIA AND THE POPE.

WEDDING OPPOSED.

ROME, Saturday.

King Boris of Bulgaria had an audience of the Pope this evening, and this has revived rumours of his possible marriage with Princess Giovanna of Italy.

So far it has been impossible to induce the Pope to grant the necessary dispensation for Princess Giovanna to marry a King belonging to the Greek Orthodox Church without a written promise that she shall remain a Roman Catholic and that the children shall be brought up in the same faith.

It is worthy of note that King Boris was born and baptised a Roman Catholic, as his mother, King Ferdinand's first wife, Princess Marie Louise of Bourbon Parma, before her marriage, was a devout Roman Catholic.

King Ferdinand was greatly exercised by the idea of Prince Boris being brought up as a Roman Catholic, and decided, to please the Bulgarian people, that he should join the Orthodox Church. Before carrying out his decision he came to Rome and submitted his case to the Pope Leo XIII., and begged the nonagenarian Pontiff to consent to his son's change of religion, but the Pope indignantly refused, and reprimanded the King for making the suggestion.

Shortly afterwards, however, Prince Boris, then only two years old, entered the Orthodox Church. The Bulgarian Constitution, which originally permitted the King to belong to any religion, was changed by King Ferdinand, and now requires the Sovereign to belong to the Orthodox cult.—*Reuter.*

MILLIONAIRE'S WILL.

BROTHER RISKS £200,000 BY DISPUTING IT.

NEW YORK, Saturday.

An action which seeks to upset the will of the late multi-millionaire flashlight manufacturer, Conrad Hubert, has been begun by Joseph Horwich, the brother of Hubert, whose original name was Horwich.

Under the terms of the will, Messrs. Calvin Coolidge, Alfred Smith, and Julius Rosenwald had arranged the distribution of £1,200,000 to thirty-four institutional beneficiaries. The suit alleges that the clauses in the will providing for this distribution are indefinite, uncertain, and repugnant to the laws of New York State.

In bringing the action Mr. Horwich risks losing a legacy of £200,000 as the will specified that any relative contesting probate should not benefit.—*Exchange.*

NEW LAMBETH BRIDGE.

FORMER FERRY-LANDING DISCLOSED.

The considerable progress which has been made with the reconstruction of Lambeth Bridge was inspected yesterday by the Association of London Students of the Institution of Civil Engineers.

The contractors had to carry out a good deal of preliminary work in removing the old suspension bridge and constructing a temporary footbridge. While doing this they found the base of the old ferry-landing on the Lambeth side, the solid stone walls being in good preservation.

The foundation work for the new bridge commenced on November 20 (the temporary bridge having been opened last June) and everything has been done without interference with the river traffic.

When the cables that carried the old bridge were freed they were lowered across barges and cut with oxy-acetylene flames, the ends being drawn ashore

After nearly seventy years' service the cables still had a breaking stress of 27 tons to the square inch. Some of the iron plates of the bridge, however, were very thin through corrosion.

The new bridge will be ready in about two year's time. While the old one cost £30,000, the contract for that now under construction amounts to £555,000.

The new bridge will have five spans—the centre one 165 ft. long—and be 60 ft wide, carrying a 36-ft. roadway and two 12-ft. footways.

IMPERIAL AND FOREIGN ITEMS.

W. T. Tilden, the tennis "star," has accepted an engagement for four nights at a well-known Monte Carlo hotel to entertain the dinner and supper guests.

Burglars are reported to have entered the Finnish Legation in Moscow and stolen all the private property of the Legation staff. It is not known at present whether any official documents are missing.

Mr. Scullin, the Prime Minister of Australia, states that the Federal Government does not intend to appoint a Consul in Russia or any other country, but is satisfied to accept the services of British Consuls.

Mr. J. Reuben Clark, a former Under-Secretary of State, has been appointed special Ambassador from the United States to Mexico, to serve only until after the inauguration of Dr. Rubio, the President-elect.

The fifth successive annual flight from Cairo to Cape Town and back started yesterday, when four machines of the Royal Air Force took off under the command of Flight Lieut. C. B. Greet. It is expected that the aeroplanes will reach Cape Town on February 1, and that they will be back in Cairo on February 24.

BANKS' AID FOR INDUSTRY.

MR. THOMAS'S PLANS.

Mr. J. H Thomas returned to London yesterday from Manchester, and in a statement regarding his speech on the financial aspect of the unemployment problem, said he expected to speak about the subject in Parliament soon.

"Make it quite clear," he said, "that the financial assistance to which I referred is not limited to the Bank of England. While it is true I had the authority of the Governor of the Bank of England to make the statement, it does not mean that it is limited to that bank.

"I am following up the matter by convening a meeting of business men to see me early next week."

MARKETS IN CANADA.

Mr. Julian Piggott, the manager of the newly formed British Steel Export Association, who controls export sales of steel on behalf of the industry, and recently he has been to Canada on two occasions for the purpose of increasing the export trade in that country, stated yesterday that Mr. Thomas had learned from the leaders of the steel trade that the new organisation, which started last October, has these aims in view.

He was naturally pleased that one of the basic industries of this country should be adopting more rational methods of selling and salesmanship.

"Hitherto you have had about a dozen big steel firms all competing with one another in the same markets; now they have combined. As to the future, we are going steadily on and trying to obtain a larger share in the world's demand for steel.

"In certain markets, notably in Canada and the Far East, the outlook is most promising. Mr. Thomas and ourselves," added Mr. Piggott, "are working on parallel lines, and our association should help in a small way in his scheme for reducing unemployment."

ANTI-FASCIST PLOT.

ITALIANS ARRESTED IN FRANCE.

FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT.

PARIS, Saturday.

The police of Paris and the Riviera are working in close touch with the object of frustrating a plot of Italian anti-Fascists, who are undoubtedly numerous in France at present.

The arrests made here some days ago have been followed by others in the region of Nice, and messages from that district this evening indicate that further arrests are imminent.

Judicial inquiries now in progress have shown, it is stated, that several of the men safely lodged in prison are notorious anarchists, who are in touch with former Italian parliamentarians at present resident in France. A considerable quantity of explosives has been found in a villa rented by two of these men, Henri and Angelo Puddu.

They told the examining magistrate that the explosives were used for blowing up rocks on land which they were cultivating. Firearms were found in the villa, and documents indicate that the occupants were associated with the Italian Legion for the Rights of Men.

A specific object of the police is to connect the men with the series of bomb outrages that have occurred within the past two years in France and on the Riviera.

It is reported to-night that, since the arrest of the Puddu brothers and Lusso and Erco Mastrodonato, the police at Nice have closely questioned an Italian woman living in the locality. As a result a number of alleged desperate anti-Fascists in the Riviera may be apprehended.

MOTOR-CAR MARKET.

AMERICAN FIRMS AND AUSTRALIAN TARIFFS.

ADELAIDE, Saturday.

A big American motor-car firm yesterday placed contracts for the building of motor bodies in Australia to the value of £1,010,750 during the next twelve months. Ninety per cent. of the work will be done in South Australia, and will involve a wages bill of £260,000.

This contract follows another big one already received from another American manufacturer for building motor-car bodies in South Australia There are many other evidences in other directions of a revival of trade following the recent rains.- *Reuter.*

[The decision of the American motor-car manufacturers to have their car bodies built in Australia follows the raising of the Australian tariffs on bodies.]

TEN KILLED BY LIGHTNING.

RIO DE JANEIRO, Saturday.

During a terrific thunderstorm at the town of Assis, in the State of Sao Paulo, to-day, ten persons were killed by a single flash of lightning.—*Reuter.*

FILM FAMILY'S FIRE THRILL.

LOS ANGELES, Saturday.

The wife and two children of Buster Keaton, the film actor, were rescued from a fire which destroyed the dining room and the children's sleeping quarters in the actor's home at Beverley Hills to-day. The family took refuge at the home of Tom Mix.—*Reuter.*

£25 AND APOLOGY.

BARRISTER'S SUICIDE IN FRIEND'S HOUSE.

"I am heartily sick of life. Whether the Coroner thinks I am of unsound mind or not does not interest me in the slightest."

These words appeared in a letter left by Ernest Stuart Jerdan (34), a barrister and an academic lecturer, of Harley Street, London, who was found dead with his head in a gas oven in a house at Marmion Road, Hove. At the inquest yesterday a verdict of "Suicide while of unsound mind" was returned.

It was stated that Jerdan went to the house while Mr. and Mrs. Wauchope were away. He had been expected, but not until the week-end. The letter found after his death, which was addressed to the occupants of the house, also stated:—

"The essential thing for a suicide is that one should be certain to be free from interference for some time. Your place offered a Heaven-sent opportunity, and I must apologise for exploiting it. I hope £25 will compensate you for the inconvenience I am causing."

Evidence was given that the sum mentioned was found in an envelope. Over the kitchen door was a pencilled note reading: "Do not let the kiddies into the kitchen until you have been in. I am, I hope, dead in there."

A doctor friend said that Jerdan had been under treatment for mental trouble. He was very clever but overstrung.

ARREST OF "REDS"

BERLIN POLICE PREVENT STREET AFFRAY.

FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT.

BERLIN, Saturday.

The Berlin police prevented by their prompt action last evening what would undoubtedly have been a very serious collision between the Communists and their sworn enemies, the National Socialists, or extreme Pan-Germans.

The latter were holding a meeting in North Berlin, and the police received private information that the Communists intended making an attempt to break up the meeting.

After some 300 Communists had been permitted to assemble in a neighbouring square police lorries suddenly rushed up from all sides, and every exit was closed. The Communists were searched for weapons, and were then removed to the Central Police Station, to appear before a magistrate to-day.

The Communists, however, had enough time to get rid of their weapons, for after their departure twelve revolvers, six daggers, a number of knuckle-dusters, sticks loaded with iron, bags of cartridges, and other less dangerous implements were found in the square One policeman was hit on the head with a stone thrown from among the demonstrators, but other policemen fired their revolvers in the air, and the proceedings continued without further disturbance. As is usual in these Communist provocations of disorder, those taking part were—with the exception of a few adult leaders—all youths between 17 and 20 and young girls.

In Leipzig last evening youthful Communists collected in large groups in the main streets and with large stones smashed the plate-glass windows of fashionable shops. The windows of the newly-erected offices of a local newspaper, *Neueste Nachrichten*, and the windows of a popular café were also broken. Mounted police had to be brought before the rowdies could be dispersed.

SIX MINERS KILLED.

SUBSIDENCE IN A FRENCH PIT.

DIGNE, Saturday.

A serious accident occurred to-day in a coal mine near Forcalquiere belonging to the Asson Colliery Co. A fire damp explosion caused a subsidence in a part of the mine where a number of men were at work.

Six were killed—three Frenchmen and three Italians—and ten miners were injured, three seriously

About 209 miners are employed at the mine, which was visited after the explosion by the Prefect of the Lower Alps and many other local authorities.—*Ex. Tel. Spec.*

THE DUKE OF YORK HOME.

The Duke of York, attended by Rear-Admiral Basil Brooke, arrived back in London at 11 o'clock last night from Rome. He travelled via Paris, Boulogne, and Folkstone, and on arrival at Victoria Station drove to his home, 145, Piccadilly.

The Duke of Gloucester hunted with the Quorn from Harby yesterday, but, except for one sharp gallop of fifteen minutes, sport was only moderate.

TELESCOPE AS GIFT.

University College Committee have received from Mr. H. R Fry a gift of an 8-inch refracting equatorial telescope.

This, it is stated, will form a valuable addition to the University of London observatory in Mill Hill Park, which is administered by University College, but open to all students of the University.

CONTRASTS IN WEATHER.

TEMPERATURE DOWN 10 DEG. IN 30 MINUTES.

"SPRING" AND WINTER IN ONE DAY.

The gale which swept the British Isles in the early hours yesterday was followed by weather which provided a series of contrasts.

In most places, particularly in the south, the morning was mild and sunny, later in the day rain fell heavily, and towards the late afternoon this gave place to a mixture of hail, sleet, and snow. After a brilliant morning of warm sunshine London experienced a drop in the temperature of ten degrees in half an hour, a rainstorm, and then snow. It was the first fall of snow that London has had this winter.

Snow and sleet fell almost everywhere in the British Isles. The heaviest falls occurred in Lakeland, where the countryside was covered. There were also heavy falls in Scotland and traffic was disorganised by a snowstorm in Glasgow last night. The mountains of North Wales were covered and upland farmers withdrew their flocks to the valleys during the day, as many sheep have been lost.

RAIL COLLISION IN SNOW.

Two passengers were injured in a collision on the L.M.S. railway at Limavady, between a light engine and a train entering the station. The collision occurred in a snowstorm which interfered with working of the signal apparatus.

Many of the higher districts in South Wales reported snowfalls of four or five inches. Roads were flooded to a considerable depth, notably between Newport and Usk.

At Llangibby, guests assembled at a church for a wedding had to wait two and a half hours, as the bridegroom, who was motoring from Usk, was held up by flooded roads.

The River Dee overflowed its banks at Corwen. The lowlands were covered with several feet of water, and roads and country lanes were impassable. Postmen waded thigh-deep through the floods on their rounds. The London-Holyhead main road between Corwen and Tynycefn was covered with water nearly three feet deep, and motorists had to make a wide detour.

Through his cycle being blown out of its course in the gale, Albert Dykes, a Nottingham Poor Law attendant, was knocked down by a corporation bus. He died in Nottingham Hospital.

SHIPS IN DISTRESS.

Liners arriving at Plymouth yesterday reported that the wind reached 80 miles an hour. The lifeboat was called out during a gale at Southend. A London steamer grounded on the Girdler Sands, but was lifted by the rising water as the lifeboat reached her. The Anchor liner Transylvania picked up an S.O.S. off Ireland from the British steamer Eskbridge, of West Hartlepool, which reported trouble with her steering gear. The liner headed for the ship, but afterwards resumed her voyage as the Eskbridge did not require assistance.

The Royal Mail steamer St. Sunniva, from Lerwick to Aberdeen, was struck by a tremendous sea off Fair Isle. Steerage quarters were flooded and water to a depth of from four to six inches reached the first-class state rooms. The steamer returned to Lerwick for repairs.

A snowstorm brought hunting with the Cottesmore hounds to an abrupt end.

THIRTY DEATHS IN CHICAGO.

An Exchange message from Chicago states that the winter's second great storm has already caused more than thirty deaths. Scores of people have been injured and many thousands of dollars worth of damage has been done to property over two-thirds of the western United States. Heavy snow is impeding all types of traffic. Temperatures below zero are prevailing in the Rocky Mountain regions and icy winds are sweeping the north-west.

MINERS' HOURS.

IMPORTANT DECISION BY GENEVA CONFERENCE.

GENEVA, Saturday.

The Coal Conference to-day accepted the proposition put forward by the International Labour Office with regard to the formula to apply to the duration of work in mines.

This proposition lays down that the shift starts from the moment the miner enters the cage to descend into the pit, and lasts until he returns to the surface In mines where entrance and exit is effected by galleries, the same conditions apply. The decision is important, because up to the present the precise definition of "working hours" has been in dispute.—*Reuter.*

SHEARER FIASCO.

"SECRET" DOCUMENT A JOKE.

FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT.

WASHINGTON, Saturday.

The secret British document used so extensively by Mr. William Shearer, the self-styled naval expert, in his attempts to stir up antagonism against Great Britain was described to-day before the Senate Investigating Committee by its author, Dr. William Maloney, as a joke.

The witness said the document was a "skit on British propaganda in the United States," and was never intended to be taken seriously. He wrote it in 1919 as an anti-climax to Lord Northcliffe's report. About half a million copies were circulated here, chiefly among Irish Americans.

"I don't know what all the fuss is about," Dr. Maloney declared. "It is stupid."

The doctor explained that he did not sign the document because to have done so would have destroyed its purpose.

To-day's testimony pulls one of the main props from Mr. Shearer's position, and will probably end the Senate's inquiry. Sir William Wiseman, who, as head of the British Secret Service in the United States, was credited with the authorship of the "secret" document, probably will not be called to testify, and it is not expected that Mr. Shearer will be given any further opportunity to act as the "big bass drum" to sound his own accomplishments

DEATH OF A CANADIAN DIVINE.

TORONTO, Saturday

The death is announced here of the Rev. Canon Thomas O'Meara, for many years Principal of the Wycliffe Anglican College here. He was 65.—*Reuter.*

Canon O'Meara, D.D., LL.D., who was a Professor of Practical Theology, was educated in Toronto, graduated in 1887, and had filled a number of important positions in Toronto. He was the first Vice-President of the Upper Canadian Bible Society, and at one time secretary of the Canadian Church Missionary Society.

THREE SOLDIERS CHARGED.

Three soldiers appeared before Woking magistrates yesterday on charges arising out of a smash-and-grab raid.

A jeweller's shop window was broken on Friday night, and the police were telephoned for.

Inspector Hancock saw the three soldiers a few minutes later, and noticed a clock sticking out of one of the men's pockets. They were arrested and charged with stealing the clock and watchchains, valued at £2 15s. 9d

An officer of the regiment said the men had done it to avoid going abroad on a draft. They were remanded.

GENERAL SMUTS'S VISIT TO U.S.A.

OUTBURST BY HEARST NEWSPAPER.

"SEND HIM HOME!"

FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT.

NEW YORK, Saturday.

From the standpoint of popular receptions and the public interest aroused, the visit to the United States of General Smuts ranks almost with that of Mr. MacDonald. The difference between Mr. MacDonald and General Smuts is that the former came at the invitation of the Hoover Government and the South African statesman at the invitation of thirty-five civic, religious and educational societies, which combined to celebrate the tenth anniversary of the League of Nations.

It happens that the Hearst newspapers are very much opposed to America joining the League of Nations, and General Smuts's speeches lauding the League and its usefulness to the world have aroused the resentment of the *New York American*, which to-day publishes a flaming leading article declaring that General Smuts, in his praise of the League of Nations and the World Court, has "violated the hospitality of the United States." Hence it is suggested that "President Hoover should request General Smuts to return home."

"AMERICAN BABY."

There is no likelihood whatever that President Hoover, who personally is well disposed to the League and the World Court, will follow Mr. Hearst's advice. Nor is there any indication that General Smuts's American hosts will revise the programme arranged.

General Smuts's speeches have certainly praised the League of Nations and predicted its triumph all over the world, but they have been marked by statesmanship of a high order, which recognised that the Washington Government is to-day opposed to America's entry into the League, and have contained nothing which could be construed as "propaganda hostile to the American Government and People."

It is recalled, moreover, that the League of Nations is, after all, an "American baby" which was placed on Europe's doorstep by President Wilson, and that millions of people in the United States are still opposed to its desertion.

"PATIENT NEGRO" SPEECH.

NEW YORK, Saturday.

A delicate situation appears to have been created here by General Smuts's reference to the patience of the negro, when he used the phrase, "Next to the ass the negro is the most patient of creatures."

Many champions have come forward to defend the negro race. The editor of a weekly newspaper circulating among New York negroes has challenged General Smuts to participate in a public debate on the status of the negro in South Africa. On being informed of this, General Smuts refused to "advertise" the negro editor, but explained again that the whole purpose of his remarks had been to express his admiration for the negro's care-free patience.

Mr. Pickens, one of the secretaries of an organisation for the "Advancement of Coloured People," whose statement is typical of those that have been made on this subject, says that General Smuts's "social mind" showed that he belonged to the South African system. "While General Smuts represents the best in that system," he said, "he cannot rise above it. He may rise to the top, but that is all. The system in South Africa is one of exploitation of the black natives, uncivilised or civilised, in the interest of white people of European extraction. General Smuts is a most humane and benevolent exponent of this terribly cruel system."—*Reuter.*

INDIAN TRAIN CRASH

MANY VICTIMS OF MIDNIGHT COLLISION.

FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT.

BOMBAY, Saturday.

The latest descriptions of the train crash shortly after midnight yesterday show that for some unknown reason the Peshawar-Lucknow express, running at full speed, and packed with Kumbha fair pilgrims from the Punjab, was diverted from the main line into a siding where a goods train was standing, and the engines met with such a terrific impact that the express engine more or less climbed over the goods engine and turned turtle, while the four leading bogies were telescoped.

Many of the sleeping passengers were killed outright, and others were terribly injured, the latter making pitiful cries for help in the pitch darkness. The station at Cluttewbuckganj had to telephone to Bareilly for medical help, which arrived by pony carts an hour later. The official casualty list has not yet been issued.

It is curious that neither of the engines' crews were injured, except one fireman slightly, and that while heavy damage was done to the front parts of both trains, the remaining carriages were intact, the telescoped bogies taking the full force of the impact.

COAL BILL VOTE.

SIR DONALD MACLEAN'S EXPLANATION.

Sir Donald Maclean, M.P. for North Cornwall, speaking at Camelford yesterday, said he saw no reason to regret the position which he, with a few other Liberals, had taken in abstaining from voting against the Coal Mines Bill, for had the Bill been defeated the Government must have resigned, and nothing would be more unpopular than another General Election so soon.

In any case, a most serious position would have arisen in connection with the Naval Disarmaments Conference and The Hague Conference, where Mr. Snowden was once again upholding British rights.

In response in the main to Liberal criticism, the Government had undertaken to move important amendments to the Coal Mines Bill in Committee, and he hoped and believed the Liberals would consider them fairly, and with the determination to place the welfare of the country and the industry above all considerations of mere party advantage.

The Bill, however great its faults, had this among other merits, that for the first time coal-owners and miners had shown a desire to work together for the reorganisation of the industry from within rather than, as the miners had hitherto demanded, mere nationalisation from without.

All parties should seize the opportunity which the Bill presented of bringing peace for years to come to a tortured industry with the consequent priceless advantages to the nation as a whole.

SOCIALISTS' MOONSHINE DREAM.

Earl Beauchamp, acknowledging his election as president of the Midland Liberal Federation at Birmingham yesterday, said that there were more Bills in the House of Lords than in the House of Commons, and in that respect the House of which he was a member was entitled to their regard.

Mr. Ramsay Muir said that, disappointing as were the results of the last election, the Liberal Party had saved the country from Protection on the one hand, and the moonshine dream of Socialism on the other.

Court Circular.

SANDRINGHAM, Saturday.

Princess Elizabeth of York and Sir Bertram Mackennal have left Sandringham, and the Rev. H. W. Blackburne has arrived.

145, PICCADILLY, W., Saturday.

The Duke of York, attended by Rear-Admiral Basil Brooke, returned to London this evening from Rome.

Princess de Ligne, wife of the Belgian Ambassador at Washington, and her three daughters, arrived at Plymouth yesterday.

The Japanese Ambassador will hold a reception on Thursday evening at 10, Grosvenor Square.

The Danish Foreign Minister, Dr. P. Munch, and Mrs. Munch are expected in London on January 14. They will pay a private visit to the Danish Minister and Countess Ahlefeldt-Laurvig.

The Duke and Duchess of Roxburghe will return to London from Floors Castle in a fortnight's time.

The Marquess and Marchioness of Bute will return to London from Mount Stuart on January 20.

The Marquess and Marchioness of Huntly will arrive at 24 Grosvenor Square on Thursday from Orton Longueville.

The Marquess and Marchioness of Queensberry left London yesterday to spend the week-end at Leeds Castle, Maidstone.

The Marquess of Crewe is 72 to-day.

Earl Beauchamp will return to 13, Belgrave Square on or about January 20 from Madresfield Court, Malvern, where Countess Beauchamp expects to remain a little longer.

The Earl of Enniskillen, accompanied by Lady Ann Cole, will arrive on January 20 at 24, Gloucester Square, which he has taken for the next two months.

The Earl and Countess of Rosebery will arrive at 38, Berkeley Square on Wednesday from Scotland.

The Countess of Carnarvon will arrive in London early this week from Highclere Castle, Newbury.

The Countess of Oxford and Asquith is entertaining a house party for the week-end at The Wharf, Sutton Courtney.

Viscount and Viscountess Cecil will return to 16, South Eaton Place on Tuesday from Gale, Chelwood Gate, East Grinstead.

Lord Forres will arrive at 70, Grosvenor Street to-day from the South of France.

Lady Orr, wife of the Governor and Commander-in-Chief of The Bahamas, will leave London to-morrow for Government House, Nassau.

Lord Justice Greer and Lady Greer will return to London from the South of France on January 19.

The Hon. Henry and Mrs. Mond left London yesterday for Paris. They will be away a few days.

The Hon. Hugh and Mrs. Wyndham will return to London to-day from the United States.

Sir Richard Tetley Glazebrook, F.R.S., has been elected an honorary member of the Institution of Electrical Engineers.

Sir Chartres Biron will sail on Thursday for Rio de Janeiro.

Sir Woodman and Lady Burbidge with their daughter, Alva, left London yesterday for Cannes.

Mr. S. M. Bruce, former Prime Minister of Australia, and Mrs. Bruce will arrive in London on Friday from Australia.

The Duchess of York has sent her annual subscription of five guineas to the British Home and Hospital for Incurables, Streatham, of which institution she is Patroness.

OBITUARY.

MR. H. M. JACKAMAN.

Mr. Henry Mason Jackaman, for forty-six years coroner for Ipswich, died at his home in Ipswich yesterday in his 90th year. In spite of his great age, Mr. Jackaman had been conducting inquests up to three months ago.

His son is deputy-coroner, and his father was coroner for Ipswich for half a century, so that the office has been held in the family since 1823.

MR. HENRY ALLAWAY.

The death occurred yesterday at his home in Wykeham Road, Hendon, of Mr. Henry Allaway, the London and North Eastern Railway Company's assistant general manager for shipping and Continental traffic.

Mr. Allaway was well known in shipping circles both at home and abroad. He acted as statistical assistant to the Director of Movements in connection with vessels allocated to War Office purposes during the war.

He was a member of the Humber Conservancy Board, and was responsible for the reorganisation and increase in steamship services between Hull and Rotterdam.

FUNERALS.

THE DUKE OF GRAFTON.

The funeral of the Duke of Grafton will take place at noon on Wednesday at Euston, Norfolk. A train will leave Liverpool Street Station at 8.30 a.m., arriving at Thetford at 11.25 a.m. Cars will meet the train.

Luncheon will be served at Euston Hall, Thetford, at 1 p.m. The train will leave Thetford on the return journey at 2.45, arriving at Liverpool Street Station at 5.17 p.m.

MR. CARL HENTSCHEL.

The funeral of Mr. Carl Hentschel, founder of the O.P. Club, and a pioneer in modern newspaper illustration, took place yesterday at Golders Green Crematorium. The Rev. H. Burne conducted the service.

Among those present were Mrs. Hentschel, Mr. Chris Hentschel (son), Mr. and Mrs. Pett-Ridge, Mr. Arthur Hentschel, Mr. William Haywood (a director of Carl Hentschel, Ltd.), Mr. B. Harwood (representing Viscount Burnham), Mr. Charles Pond, and Mr. J. T. Grein.

The O.P. Club was represented by Mr. P. Ballinger, Mr. George Holland, Mr. G. B. Burgin, Mr. W. Wolf, and Mr. J. Davis Smith.

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ANCIENT ELMS TO GO.

Owing to old age, a number of the elms in Wickham Road, Deptford, are becoming unsafe.

Two have been blown down during the past few months, and the Beautification Committee, in a report which will come before the Council on Wednesday, state that they have decided to have the trees topped, and the unsafe ones removed and replaced by young trees of the same variety. They add:—

"We are also taking steps eventually to replace all the older trees in the road in such a way as to preserve the beauty of what is recognised as one of the finest avenues in London."

THE PRINCE AND CANADA.

PROBABLE VISIT TO OPEN NEW PORT.

HIS AFRICAN PLANS.

A proposal has been mooted in Canada, states a Reuter's message from Winnipeg, to ask the Dominion Government to invite the Prince of Wales to open the new port of Fort Churchill when it is completed.

Although nothing is known in Court circles of a definite invitation having been made to the Prince of Wales to open the new port, the view is held that such an invitation, if it were extended, would receive his favourable consideration, and possible acceptance, if his engagements permitted an extended absence from this country.

The Prince, who is on his way to Africa, will not be in town until May. He hopes, however, to pay a visit to his ranch in Canada at the earliest opportunity, but this is not expected to mature this year. It is expected that the port will be opened for ocean-going traffic some time next year.

THE RETURN FROM AFRICA.

No arrangements for the return journey of the Prince of Wales from Africa have been made. The choice of routes depends upon the part of the country in which his hunting trip ends next April.

Should the hunt end in Uganda, then the Prince will most probably travel by boat up the Nile—this being the shorter and more convenient route—to Cairo, and thence by mail liner home. Should the hunt, however, take him towards the coast—a possible alternative—he will embark in a coast liner at Mombasa and travel the normal trade route.

At Cairo he would make one or two private calls, but the Prince has no official engagements in his programme.

NAVAL WEDDING.

PICTURESQUE SCENE AT KNIGHTSBRIDGE.

Naval officers and men formed a Guard of Honour outside St. Paul's Church, Knightsbridge, yesterday, following the marriage of Lieutenant-Commander Michael R. Hallam Murray, R.N., younger son of Mr. and Mrs. A. Hallam Murray, of Home Farm, Sandling, Kent, and Miss Margaret Olive Charteris, eldest daughter of Colonel and Mrs. Nigel Charteris.

The bride wore a gown of deep cream satin, the circular skirt falling to her ankles and having a net hem. Her veil, of antique Brussels lace, was arranged in the form of a coronet in front and secured by clusters of orange blossoms, and it was attached to a train of deep cream tulle hemmed with appliqué satin leaves.

Miss Mary Riddell and Miss Patience Proby carried the train, and the other attendants were Miss Peggy Wharton (cousin of the bride), Miss Frances Murray (niece of the bridegroom), Miss Ruth Hardy, Miss Naomi Wallace (children), Miss Anne Charteris (sister of the bride), Miss Pamela Drury-Lowe (cousin of the bride), and Miss Elspeth Gilbertson.

The children wore caps of gold net wreathed with flowers, with their frilled dresses of pale amber coloured georgette. The elder maids had dresses of pale amber-coloured chiffon cut with ankle-length fluted skirts, and coatees of satin to match edged with dark brown fur. Hats of dark brown velvet with wide tulle hems completed their toilettes.

The Bishop of Kensington officiated, assisted by Canon W. Aitchison, Canon S. Curwen, and the Rev. K. C. Hamilton, and Captain Arthur Murray, a brother of the bridegroom, was the best man.

After the ceremony a reception was held at the Ladies' Victoria Club. The guests included, in addition to members of the families:—

Grace Countess of Wemyss, Sybil Countess Brassey, Lady Hanworth, Lady Hilda Keppel, Lady Florence Boyle, Lady Susan Townley, Lady Theodora Davidson, the Hon. Mrs. Marsham Townshend, Sir Walter and the Hon. Lady Buchanan Riddell, Sir Bartle Frere and Miss Frere, Lady Trollope and Miss Trollope, Sir Henry Houldsworth.

Lady de Basil, Major and Lady Kathleen Skinner, Colonel and Lady Helen Murray, Vice-Admiral and Mrs. Drury-Lowe, Mr and Mrs. Deare Du Cane, the Misses Du Cane, Colonel Grey, Mrs. Grey, Mr. J. Grey, Mr. R. Proby, Mrs. Proby, Mr. Peter Proby, Mrs. Ernest Noel, Mrs. Buchanan Riddell and Miss Riddell, Miss Sophia Buchanan Riddell, Miss Mary Buchanan Riddell, Miss Dorothy and Miss Olive Riddell, Captain and Mrs. Potter, Mrs. Inge, Lieut. Stuart Salter, Mrs. Geoffrey Verney Mrs. Chetwynd Stapleton.

Captain and Mrs. Arthur Hardy, Captain and Mrs. Wharton, Miss Hilda Wharton, Lieut.-Colonel and Mrs. Farcus, Colonel and Mrs. Clarke, Mrs. Seth Smith, Major Proby, Captain and Mrs. Herbert, Mrs. R. Drury-Lowe, and Canon and Mrs. Palmes.

MR. A. D. BUCKLEY AND MISS DERWENT SIMMONDS.

The wedding took place yesterday at St. Peter's Church, Old Windsor, of Mr. Arthur Donald Buckley, son of Mr. Arthur Buckley, I.C.S. (retired), of Graffham, Petworth, Sussex, and Miss Sybil Marion Derwent Simmonds, eldest daughter of Commander and Mrs. Derwent Simmonds, of Tapestry Hall, Old Windsor.

The Vicar of Old Windsor, the Rev. W. F. B. Hoysted, officiated, and the service was choral. The bride, who was given away by her father, wore a dress of cream satin beauté.

The bridesmaids were Miss M. Simmonds, the bride's sister, and Miss B. Hobson, while Miss N. Saunders, niece of the bridegroom, acted as train-bearer. The bridesmaids wore dresses of Princess Mary blue crêpe-de-chine.

Lieut. Kenneth Buckley, R.N., was the best man.

A reception was afterwards held at Tapestry Hall, and the bride and bridegroom later left for Bournemouth, where the honeymoon will be spent. Their future home will be in India.

AN OLD PASSPORT.

A Tunbridge Wells man has found a red leather-bound wallet containing a passport issued in 1859 by the Foreign Office, and signed by Lord John Russell, then Secretary of State.

GRAFTON MEETS CANCELLED.

Owing to the death of the Duke of Grafton all meets of the Grafton Hounds have been cancelled until after the funeral.

Until 1882 the hounds were the property of the Duke of Grafton, and were called the Duke of Grafton's Hounds

DRAMA FOR BATTERSEA.

The Public Amenities Committee of the Battersea Borough Council, in collaboration with the British Drama League, have arranged for their second series of Tuesday Evening Popular Plays at popular prices. These will begin on January 21, when the Croydon Repertory Company will produce "Heartbreak House," by Bernard Shaw.

MANSION HOUSE GUESTS.

The quarterly meeting of the Council of the Federation of Master Printers on Tuesday will be held at the Mansion House, by invitation of the Lord Mayor of London (Sir William A. Waterlow), who will afterwards entertain the members at lunch.

The Lord Mayor is a past President of the Federation of Master Printers and of the London Master Printers' Association.

THE QUEEN GREETS CHILDREN.

Eight hundred and fifty Deal children, whose ages ranged from 9 to 14 years, were entertained to a tea and concert by the Mayor (Captain C. P. Davis) in the new pavilion at Deal yesterday.

During the party a telegram was received from the Queen at Sandringham conveying to the children the Queen's thanks for their message, and wishing for a very happy evening.

OPERA FESTIVAL SAVED.

SIR THOMAS BEECHAM TO THE RESCUE.

NO CONDUCTOR'S FEE.

The London Opera Festival at the New Scala Theatre, which threatened to come to a sudden end last night owing to the lack of public support, has been dramatically reprieved through the generosity of Sir Thomas Beecham. The famous conductor has agreed, without charging any fee, to conduct this week five performances of "Der Freischütz," Weber's great folk opera.

No performance will be given at the theatre to-morrow night, which was to have been devoted to "Alcestis," but "Der Freischutz," with Sir Thomas at the conductor's desk, will be performed on each of the remaining nights of the week. The opera has not been heard in this country for twenty-four years.

The London Opera Festival, which was launched by Mr. Robert Stuart a fortnight ago, has been devoted entirely to works almost unknown to present-day opera-goers. A youthful management and a company consisting in the main of young singers have worked untiringly to secure artistic success, which they have attained in substantial measure, but the public, for the most part, have stayed away from the theatre.

NO AMATEURS.

Mr. Stuart told the SUNDAY TIMES last night that Sir Thomas had completely satisfied himself that the standard of the Scala company was that to which he was accustomed as an operatic conductor. "A strange impression has got abroad" he said, "that ours is an amateur company. That view is absolutely wrong, because every one of our singers is a professional, but it may have accounted for our monumentally poor houses during the past fortnight."

"The original announcement that Sir Thomas intended to conduct three performances of 'Der Freischütz,' however, led to greatly improved bookings, and we have now every reason to anticipate large audiences during the coming week. The company, an all-British one, will include such well-known opera singers as Mr. Tudor Davies, Mr. Arthur Fear, and Mr. Wm. Michael, while the leading women will be Miss Nora Gruhm, who has been recently singing at the Cologne Opera House, and Miss Thea Philips, whose work during the past two or three years has lain mostly in Italy.

"'Der Freischütz,' which was last given at Covent Garden in 1906, is played practically every week in the opera houses of Germany. It was originally intended to follow the three weeks of evening operas at the Scala with a week of matinées of 'Hansel and Gretel,' but they will probably be abandoned on account of poor bookings."

The past week's operas are dealt with on page 5.

BOGEY THE JAGUAR.

A ZOO VETERAN'S LIFE AND DEATH.

By OUR ZOO CORRESPONDENT.

The Zoo has just lost one of its most distinguished veterans, for Bogey, the only black jaguar ever seen in the menagerie, has died of old age. This well-known animal had lived in the Zoo for eighteen years and, in addition to being the rarest inmate of the Lion House, she was also the oldest. She was the last of the few great cats that survived the trying years of the war.

When Bogey arrived at the Zoo in 1912 she was full-grown but perfectly tame, and in those days her keeper could stroke the jaguar and persuade her to make friends with the public. But during the war her temper changed. Like all the animals in the Lion House, she was distressed by the absence of the keepers she knew, and by the scantiness and inferiority of her rations, and when the head keeper returned from military service he found that Bogey had forgotten him and grown morose.

After a time she cheered up again, but she did not become tame, and during the last few years the aged jaguar was a rather terrifying though remarkably striking exhibit. Until recently Bogey carried her twenty odd years with ease, but a few months ago she began to fail in health, and she was then removed from the exhibition den and housed in a quiet corner of the service passage, so that she could spend the rest of her life in peace. She died quite suddenly.

The stormy weather has driven many birds inland, and early in the week the Zoo was presented with a little auk that had been found in Kensington Gardens. The bird was in an exhausted condition, and unfortunately it died within a short time of its arrival at the Zoo, although everything possible was done in attempts to revive it.

This would have been an interesting addition to the menagerie, for there is no example of the little auk in the Gardens, and the little auk naturally commands attention because of its relationship to the great auk, a bird that has become extinct within living memory. New arrivals include a hamadryad, or king cobra, a number of lizards, two civet cats, and a bonnet monkey.

MORE SOUTHERN TRAINS.

The Southern Railway Company has decided to augment its train services between London and the Thames Valley districts next summer by running four additional trains an hour to and from Windsor and Feltham. The company will also open a new railway station at Whitton, where the Redway Estate is being developed.

These improvements mark the biggest step forward in the development of the Southern Railway's Thames Valley service since the lines were electrified.

"CAPTAIN STANHOPE" RETURNS.

Mr. Colin Clive, the actor, who plays Captain Stanhope in "Journey's End," has returned from his brief visit to America, where he took the same part in the film version of the play which has just been screened at Hollywood.

All the cast were English, with the exception of the German prisoner, done by a German. Unlike most talkies, the scene did not change any more than in the play, and the original dialogue has been preserved almost intact. Mr. Clive returns to the cast in London to-morrow.

CITY GLEE SINGERS.

"The myth that Britain is not a musical nation is one which has been sedulously cultivated, I suspect, on the Continent, so that people there could export their singers and musicians in large numbers to Free Trade Britain!"

This was one of many asides made by Mr. Tod Anderson in his witty chairman's speech at the concert given in the Great Hall of the Cannon Street Hotel by the Lothbury Male Voice Choir. Mr. Anderson proceeded to deny the "myth" in convincing fashion, and he was more than ably supported by the choir itself. Glees, madrigals, and part-songs were rendered in brilliant style under the baton of Dr. Ernest Bulloch, between whom and the singers there was an almost perfect sympathy. If the programme called for one criticism, it erred, perhaps, on the side of sameness; one would have liked, for instance, to hear now and then the full volume of tone of which the choir is capable. But the large company present obviously had no faults to find.

The Lothbury Male Voice Choir consists almost entirely of City men devoted to vocal music. It has been in existence for fifty-four years continuously—a notable record.

DAUGHTER CUT OFF WITH A SHILLING.

JEW'S BEQUESTS TO CHARITIES.

"MONEY BROKER'S" £325,000 WILL.

Considerable sums pass to Jewish charities under the will of Mr. Haym Marco Besso, of Cheetham Hill Road, Manchester, who left £30,990 gross, with net personalty £30,943.

He gave the brick synagogue behind his residence, the wooden tabernacle adjoining, the land on which they stand, and £1,000 for carrying on religious services in the Jewish faith, and £50 each to his three sons and grandson in order that they may assist in the continuance of the services.

A number of minor bequests include £250 for the poor of Jerusalem. He left "one shilling only" to his daughter, Rebecca Hart. Certain property in Corfu is left in trust for his sons Marco and David if within two years of his death they shall have married within the Jewish faith, and subject to other personal legacies the residue of the estate is left for the poor in Palestine.

Mr. Marco Besso, the eldest son, said last night he could give no reason why his sister, who lives at Rutland Park, Willesden Lane, London, should have been bequeathed one shilling.

"It is a complete mystery to me," said Mr. Marco Besso. "Our mother died in 1918, and in the following year, when father was ill, he made a will by arrangement with my brother and myself. We thought that it was still in existence, but when we made investigations after father's death we found that there was a secret will, made in 1920.

"When the will was read out the solicitor omitted the clause about one shilling.

"When he told her what the will said she fainted. I know no reason why he should have treated her as he has. They were quite friendly. I do not know whether my sister will contest the will. I have advised her to see her solicitor."

GIFTS TO EMPLOYEES.

CROYDON WOMAN'S LEGACY FOR HOSPITAL.

Describing himself in his will as a "money broker," Mr. Robert Percy Attenborough, of Haydon Hill, Pushey, the senior member of a family well known in the pawnbroking business, left £325,497 gross, with net personalty £289,601.

Legacies include gifts of £1,000 each to Harry Laughton, Arthur Albert Rich, and Harry Thomas Robinson, employees of the businesses carried on by Mr. Attenborough in partnership with his brother.

LOSSES BY DEPRECIATION.

Mr. Robert Bewley, of Beacon Hill, Camden Road, N., who left £37,167 gross, with net personalty £37,072, explained in his will that owing to the great depreciation in value of his securities and the great uncertainty of their retaining their present value in the future,

> I am most reluctantly compelled to relinquish the bequests I have for many years past included in previous wills in favour of public charities, and of certain institutions of my native city. Now notwithstanding this most reluctant and painful relinquishment I desire and most earnestly request my daughter to revive these bequests by her will should the value of my estate be sufficient

WEEDON GROSSMITH'S WIDOW.

Mrs. May Lever Grossmith, of the Hotel Metropole, widow of Weedon Grossmith, the actor, left £3,625, with net personalty nil. By her will she left

> £5,000 and the movable articles that belonged to her late husband and daughter as to £3,000 for the purchase of land and buildings at or near Dovercourt, Essex, to be called "Weedons," and to be used as a temporary or permanent abode of her relatives and other persons as the executor shall consider would be in accordance with her wishes, and the balance of the £5,000 for the maintenance thereof.

Mrs. Grossmith directed

> That her body should be cremated, and the ashes scattered in the same place as those of her husband and daughter (Nancy), that no one shall wear mourning for her, and that her friends will refrain from sending flowers, but expend the money in helping some poor person.

LORD CARRINGTON'S ESTATE.

A further grant of probate has been issued in respect of settled land belonging to the late Lord Carrington. The valuation of this stands at £228,550, bringing the total value up to the present of the property passing at Lord Carrington's death to £290,535.

BIG BEQUEST TO HOSPITALS.

The bulk of the estate of Miss Ada Mary Jones, of Duppas Hill Terrace, Croydon, who left £16,926 gross with net personalty £16,847, is bequeathed in equal shares to the Cancer Hospital, Fulham, and the Royal Hospital for Incurables, Putney.

OTHER WILLS.

	GROSS VALUE.
ARTHUR CHAMBERS, of Johnsburn, Balerno, Midlothian, publisher, a director of Messrs W. and R. Chambers, Ltd. (unsettled personal estate)	£73,021
CHARLES WEBB, of Pepys Road, New Cross, S.E., late senior partner in F. A. Helps and Son, stockbrokers (net personalty £65,110)	65,279
HENRY SMURTHWAITE, of Bayshill, Cheltenham, Hon. Surgeon of the Gloucester Royal Infirmary (net personalty £10,830)	34,771
REGINALD WINTHROP LE ROY DE KOVEN, of Ovington Street, S.W., Captain of the Cambridge University Association XI. 1925-6, and playing for Cambridge 1923-1925, later Secretary of the Casuals (net personalty £1,067)	1,810
Sir GILBERT FALKINGHAM CLAYTON, of The Residency, Baghdad, Iraq, High Commissioner for Iraq, who saw service with the Royal Artillery in the Sudan, first Administrator of Palestine (unsettled property in England) (net personalty £1,130)	1,805

THOMAS LUNCHEON INCIDENT.

Mr. Joseph Toole, Labour M.P. for Salford South, is aggrieved that he did not, as he says, receive an invitation to the luncheon to Mr J. H. Thomas at Manchester on Friday.

"I was the only local M.P. not invited," he said yesterday. "It is very strange, as the other two members for the Salford Division were asked. It is stranger still as I was the only local Labour M.P. who has criticised Mr. Thomas's activities in the past."

An official of the Manchester Chamber of Commerce stated yesterday that an invitation sent to Mr Toole with the address given in "Dod's Parliamentary Companion" was returned marked "Not known." Another invitation was sent to the only "J. Toole" appearing in the Manchester telephone directory, asking that it should be forwarded if necessary. After that nothing was heard.

COLLEGE LECTURER RESIGNS.

Dr. R. J. Brocklehurst, senior lecturer in the Department of Physiology and Biochemistry at University College, London, has resigned on his appointment to the Chair of Physiology in the University of Bristol.

INFANT DEATHS AT DEPTFORD.

Deptford Medical Officer of Health reports that the infant mortality in the borough for the four weeks ended December 28 equalled an annual rate of 92 per 1,000 births, compared with 75 in the corresponding period last year.

The rate for the Metropolis during December averaged 53 per 1,000 births.

MUSIC AT HASTINGS.

The famous pianist, Artur Schnabel, will visit Hastings next Saturday.

It was under the direction of Mr. Basil Cameron conductor of the Hastings Municipal Orchestra, that Schnabel first appeared in this country, and on Saturday he will play Mozart's Concerto in A major, as well as a group of solos.

RAIN, SLEET AND SNOW.

WINTRY OUTLOOK FOR WEEK-END.

LOWER TEMPERATURE

ENGLAND.—Fresh or strong south-westerly or westerly winds; rain or sleet at times, with perhaps snow locally, but brighter intervals; low or rather low temperature; frost at night.

SCOTLAND.—Strong south-westerly or westerly winds, stronger at times locally; rain, sleet or hail at times with snow locally, but brighter intervals; low or rather low temperature; frost at night.

ENGLISH CHANNEL.—Strong south-westerly or westerly winds, stronger at times; rain, sleet or hail at times, with snow locally, but brighter intervals; sea rough.

By OUR METEOROLOGICAL EXPERT.

A sudden downrush of intensely cold air from within a few hundred miles of the North Pole yesterday plunged nearly the whole of Britain into winter's grip. The heaviest and most widespread snowstorm of the season set in over the northern half of the country early in the day, and in many districts the ground was soon coated to a depth of between 4 in. and 8 in. on the level.

Drifts several feet high were heaped up by a fierce south-westerly gale which had risen on Friday night, reaching an extreme velocity of seventy miles an hour in exposed places.

In the South a heavy downpour of rain before dawn was followed by a morning of springlike splendour. From deep blue skies the January sun shone with unusual power, thermometers exposed to its rays near London mounting to 59 degrees—the highest figure reached since November.

DELUGE OF RAIN.

At 1 p.m. the shade temperature of 43 degrees at Kew was 3½ degrees above the normal for the season, and there was no visible sign of the remarkable change that was sweeping across the country from the north-west.

Soon afterwards the approach of the icy wind from the Arctic Ocean was heralded by a phalanx of leaden cloud, while an ominous calm quickly gave place to violent squalls and a deluge of rain.

By 2.30 p.m. heavy snow was reported from the northern outskirts of London, and an hour later large wet flakes were falling in the City itself. They did not lie there, but in many of the surrounding districts the ground was mantled in white by evening.

Between 2.30 and 4 p.m. the thermometer dropped 10 deg. in Central London, and in some suburbs the reading at the latter hour was below freezing point.

Snow extended even to the extreme South of England, including the Devon coast and parts of the Cornish "Riviera." Most other regions that escaped it had either sleet or hail, while Bude reported a thunderstorm.

To-day is the coldest day of the winter in London on the average of a long series of years, and last night's indications held out every promise that it would be one of the few really cold ones we have had so far this season.

ABOVE NORMAL.

Since the third week of November temperature has been exceptionally high, averaging 4 to 5 deg. above normal, and there have been only seven afternoons on which it failed to exceed its ordinary level.

It is as yet uncertain whether the wintry spell will prove more than transient, but most of our long periods of severe weather in the past have begun with winds from Scandinavia or Russia, rather than from Greenland and the Polar sea, whence the present icy thrust has been delivered.

NEWS IN BRIEF.

A landlord at North London complained that his tenant had threatened to "crush him under his heel," "do him in," and "treat him as they do landlords in Russia."

The Pacific Steam Navigation Company's liners from South American ports will resume callings at Plymouth next month.

Bristol Corporation are to seek powers for the construction of a new road, which will cross the floating harbour, at a cost of £405,000.

The battleship Queen Elizabeth arrived at Portsmouth yesterday for a refit before resuming duty as flagship of the Mediterranean Fleet.

Early yesterday morning thieves broke a shop window at the premises of Mr. J. Graham, jeweller, in Holloway Road, N., and made off with watches valued at between £30 and £40.

Traffic was resumed yesterday in Archway Road, Highgate, part of which had been closed since November 25 on account of a serious subsidence.

The exhibition at Charing Cross Station of models of the Underground Railway, which closed yesterday, had been visited by 186,000 people in twenty-five days.

Miss Blanche Hurley, aged 17, who was staying at Duffield, Derbyshire, but whose home was in Yorkshire, died in hospital as the result of swallowing an open safety pin.

George Brand, aged 23, of St. George's Road, Aldershot, was found by his mother yesterday hanging from balusters at his house. He had recently had an arm and a leg amputated.

If weather conditions are favourable, the airship R 100, which is still in the hangar at Cardington (Beds), will resume her trial flights within the next few days.

James MacDonald, aged 71, a retired district council workman, who had lived in Whitefield, was found drowned in a canal at Radcliffe (Manchester) with his legs and wrists tied with ropes.

Plans have been prepared, and will shortly be submitted to Ealing Town Council, for the erection of a theatre on a site at present occupied by houses opposite the Town Hall, in Uxbridge Road.

With a bottle which had held disinfectant lying beside it, the body of Herbert William Drewitt, of Bonsor Road, Twickenham, was found yesterday in Sidmouth Plantation, Richmond Park.

On the ground of ill-health, the Deputy Chief Constable of the North Riding of Yorkshire, Mr. John Henderson, has tendered his resignation after forty-one years' service. He joined as constable, and has served in every rank.

At the funeral at Birmingham yesterday of Mr. Alfred Perks, the veteran captain of the Birmingham All-the-Year-Round Swimming Club, the wreaths included one in the form of a diving stand.

Five fire engines were occupied for two hours yesterday morning in subduing a fire at a laundry at Beaconsfield (Bucks). The adjoining premises of the Urban District Council were also involved.

A further decline in the number of smallpox cases under treatment in Metropolitan Asylums Board hospitals was reported yesterday, when the number was 412, compared with 427 on Friday.

PETER PAN PARTY.

In aid of the St Nicholas Home for Babies, a Peter Pan party for children will be held to-morrow night in the New Burlington Galleries. While fancy dress is optional, prizes for the best costume will be given. Miss Jean Forbes-Robertson is to be present in her Peter Pan costume to judge the dresses and award the prizes.

Lady Winefride Elwes is to be hostess, and tickets can be obtained from the hon. secretary, New Burlington Galleries, W.1.

"WHY AND WHEREFORE."

One of the most ancient City churches is becoming modernised and an attempt is to be made to make it a centre of influence in the City.

This is St. Stephen's, Coleman Street, E.C., of which the new vicar is the Rev. F. C. Baker, for some years at Harrow, and for the last five years colleague to Dr. Campbell at Brighton.

He has just fixed up outside the church the notice, "The Church of the Why and Where fore," his object being to induce people to ask him why the church exists and its purpose.

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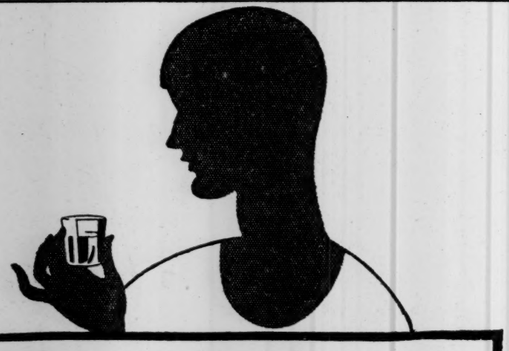

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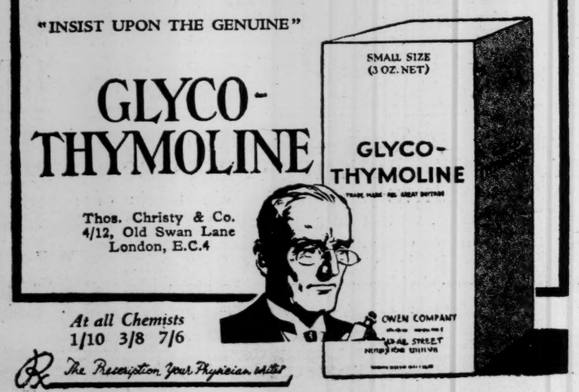

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Court and Society

The King and Queen have been enjoying a really quiet time at Sandringham during the past week, with only a few very small dinner parties. One night Lady Joan Birkbeck and her husband, Colonel Oliver Birkbeck, had the honour of being invited, and on another Colonel Charles Seymour and Mrs. Seymour were similarly favoured. Early in the week Admiral Sir Lionel Halsey, Colonel Sir Henry Streatfeild, and the Dowager Countess of Gosford arrived at Sandringham on a short visit. It had been considered possible that Her Majesty would accompany the King when he comes to town next week, but now there appears to be a change of plan. The King will come alone, and stay just one night. His Majesty will open the Naval Conference on Tuesday, January 21.

Most of the entertaining of any importance has been done by members of the Diplomatic Corps during this past week, such as at the marriage of Baroness Margareta Palmstierna to M. François de Seynes de Larlenque on Tuesday. The little Swedish Church in Harcourt Street was quickly filled, invitations having been carefully scrutinised at the door. The service was in Swedish, but quite half the congregation belonged to other nationalities, notably English. The bride looked handsome in her all-white gown, and the little closed crown of silver which was perched rather precariously a-top of her head gave quite a regal touch. At the Swedish Legation, where the bride's parents held the reception, invitations again were scrutinised and taken. However, though there was a crowd, congestion was not too great, and it was possible to inspect the presents, some of which I described last week. An addition to their number was to be seen in the antique mother-of-pearl and gold box which was the gift of Princess Helena Victoria, who was present at the ceremony. I met Colonel and Lady Zia Wernher on the stairs, the latter very pretty in red and sables; Countess Jellicoe came with a daughter, and so did her sister, Lady Madden, Lord Leigh was with his wife, whose nattier blue suit was trimmed with light grey fox fur; Baroness d'Erlanger had on her unique natural coloured sealskin coat; and, naturally, colleagues of the bride's father appeared in force, mostly accompanied with their respective wives.

The Italian Art Exhibition had a dinner given in its honour by the Italian Ambassador at his fine Embassy in Grosvenor Square on Monday, when an interesting assembly was found there, which was further augmented by those who arrived at the reception which followed it. Lady Chamberlain, wearing black velvet, and carrying a jade green feather fan which matched the rims of her spectacles, was naturally to the fore, and she had Sir Austen and Miss Chamberlain with her, the latter looking pretty in a striped lemon taffetas dress. Black velvet was worn by a good many, including Viscountess Lee of Fareham, whose pearl sautoir with its diamond ends showed up well against this background. Viscount Lee was with his wife, and other couples I met were Lord and Lady Melchett, the latter another in black velvet. She had on bright green shoes, which accorded with the colour of her necklet, which was the historic emerald one which George the Third gave to the Duchess of Cleveland.

The marriage of the Crown Prince of Italy to Princess Marie José of the Belgians has resulted in some entertaining at the Italian and Belgian Embassies here, both of which have given parties in honour of the event. The Italian Ambassador gave a dinner at the Embassy in Grosvenor Square on Wednesday, when among those present were the Spanish Ambassador, with the Marquesa de Merry del Val, in black dotted with diamanté; Viscount and Viscountess Burnham, the latter in deep black; the Hon. Henry Fitzalan Howard, with his wife in black chiffon; the Hon. Mrs. Edward Lascelles; Sir Robert Vansittart; and the Belgian Ambassador, with Baroness de Cartier de Marchienne, who, very elegant in sapphire-blue velvet and fine diamonds, afterwards took her place next to the host to greet guests at the reception. Ribbons representing the Belgian colours, red carnations with their green foliage, and gay-tinted croton leaves decorated the dinner-tables, which looked very bright and inviting. Sir Austen and Lady Chamberlain looked in later with their daughter Diane, Lady Chamberlain being one of the wearers of white (Princess de Cröy being another), while Miss Chamberlain wore a dainty frock of apple-green tulle.

The Belgian Ambassador and his wife also celebrated the Italo-Belgian wedding by giving a couple of afternoon receptions at their new residence in Belgrave Square. Baroness de Cartier is rightly proud of her new home, for she has taken a great deal of trouble in its furnishing, with the result that there is a series of delightful salons which reflect the exquisite taste of the Louis XV. period at its best. Among those who responded to the invitations to one or other of the parties to which I have referred were Lady Kylsant, wrapped in a moleskin cloak, as was also Princess de Croy, Mrs. Arthur Glasgow, in black with a fine chinchilla cloak; the Hon. Mrs. Arthur Somerset; Susan Duchess of Somerset; Lord Jessel, with Lady Jessel, wearing black with a dainty white lawn frilled collar; Sir John Hanbury Williams, frock-coated as ever; the Spanish Ambassador, with his wife, smart in brown velvet and sables; Lady Cory (who has just sent out cards for a party with Kreisler); the Turkish Ambassador and Madame Ferid Bey, in green trimmed with sable; and the Swiss Minister, with Madame Paravicini, wearing an amusing red and white beaded necklace and a squirrel coat over black.

Lady Cunard, who has—as is her usual wont—remained in London during the Christmas-New Year exodus, entertained Sir Austen and Lady Chamberlain at dinner at her house in Grosvenor Square on Wednesday, when her guests included quite a number of young people, such as Viscount Hinchingbrooke, Miss Diane Chamberlain, Mr. Edward Marjoribanks, Lady Diana Bridgeman, Miss Theresa Jungman, and Mr. Hubert Duggan, as well as the Hon. Mrs. George Keppel and Marchioness Curzon.

The Duchess of Norfolk, the Duchess of Roxburghe, the Countess of Carnarvon, Lady Warrender (who had to have her collar-bone reset after her hunting accident), Lady Rothschild, Lady Fitzgerald, Marchioness Douro, and Lady Zia Wernher are a few of the many well-known people who are bringing parties to the "When We Were Very Young" ball which Lady Bertha Dawkins, Lady Cunliffe-Owen, and the Hon. Mrs. Henry Mond have arranged to take place at the Savoy Hotel on Wednesday next. There is to be an entertainment, called "Past Bedtime," which should be very amusing, with Mr. Ernest Thesiger as the Nurse, Miss Viola Tree and Miss Ena Grossmith as schoolchildren, Mrs. Mond as Aladdin, Lady Eleanor Smith as Puss in Boots, Miss Edith Dawkins as Alice in Wonderland, Mr. Douglas Byng as Mother, Mr. Leslie Henson as the Demon King, Miss Cicely Courtneidge as the Fairy Queen, and Miss Fannie Ward as herself.

Children were well catered for with the fancy dress ball at Wimborne House, arranged by Lady Moira Lyttelton, and the Peter Pan party at Claridge's, which the Marchioness of Cambridge organised. At both there were crowds of charming boys and girls in the most delicious fancy dresses. At the former the grown-up people included Lady Bertha Dawkins, with her good-looking daughter, in blue, and at the latter I saw Viscount Scarsdale with his wife, in black ponyskin cloth, and Lady Evelyn Beauchamp, in black velvet trimmed with tailless ermine.

MAYFAIR.

THE SALES

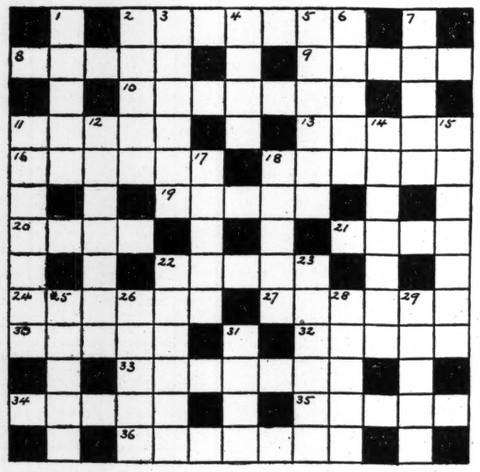
OF such opportunities as the sales present for buying the very latest materials at bargain prices one need not hesitate to take advantage.

The sketch to the left shows a two-piece suit; the coat of tweed with black, red, and buff, and the underfrock having a deep corsage of red (or buff), which lines the coat also. The lower part is of tweed and there is a deep box-pleat in the centre front of the skirt.

The other sketch shows a coat and skirt of green, black, and beige tweed, with a green tuck-in blouse of jersey cloth. The coat dips at the rounded hem-line, and inverted pleats appear in slanting fashion on the skirt.

CROSS-WORD PUZZLE No. 263.

Send solutions addressed "Cross-word No. 263," SUNDAY TIMES, 186, Strand, London, W.C.2. Two novels selected from publishers' announcements in the SUNDAY TIMES will be given to the senders of the first five correct solutions opened after the first post on Thursday. Readers in Scotland are precluded from taking part in the competition.



ACROSS.

2. Communication suggesting a period of trouble.
8. A botanical dust-raiser.
9. Let.
10. "Nut pole" anag.
11. A native indicates a family alternative.
13. In Africa they sometimes ring these silently (?).
16. A hall - marked chain.
18. But the watch is kept by this.
19. Consider the third and second letters of 10 ac right for this.
20. What a bridge player would vote.
21. this game.
22. This animal has evidently swallowed a big bird.
24. This demonstration is always visible.
27. Material that Ireland is no stranger to.
30. Modern poet who suggests a vacillating answer.
32. Much too good a place to countenance the beginning of the middle.
33. Kind of rays affecting plate, but not the middle kind.
34. Animal life.
35. Some Christmas fruit comes from here.
36. To bring these to a head is the wish of many who hate the bare idea.

DOWN.

1. An unliterary essay.
2. Irish poet.
3. Expressly identified with a new crusade.
4. Fish.
5. Put something to catch a somersaulting horse and get the bird.
6. A very salt lake.
7. Town 4 dn should suggest.
11. An abode is built by a man on a hill.
12. Abuse.
14. "Clients" anag.
15. An ill manifestation.
17. One who deserves to succeed.
18. Two eights strive in this.
22. One of the crew, probably.
23. One must be fairly well off to lord it in 11 dn.
25. "Full fathom five thy father lies; of his bones are —— made" (Shakespeare).
26. Inclined.
28. Humanity embraces many.
29. Scottish height.
31. A cheeky salutation, sometimes.

CROSS-WORD No. 262 PRIZEWINNERS.

R G SIDFORD, Batcombe, Cokes Lane, Chalfont St. Giles, Bucks; F. G. A. FRANCIS, Durban, Imperial Avenue, Minster, Sheppey; Mrs. PADDOCK, Hoornes, Dymchurch, Kent; Mrs E. R. J. HOLLIDAY, Solva, Beach Road, Paignton, Devon; E. SCOTT, 15, Rue Defacqz, Brussels, Belgium.

SOLUTIONS.—ACROSS.—1, Spruce; 4, Mosaic; 8, Tax; 9, Matrix; 10, Tyrone; 11, Beg; 12, Oregon; 16, Exact; 17, Lory; 18, Oran; 24, Seth; 25, Skid; 28, Roast; 29, Eskimo; 31, Rot; 33, Megrim; 34, Recoil; 35, Kea; 36, Rotten; 37, Famous.

DOWN.—1, Symbol; 2, Ratter; 3, Cairo; 4, Mate; 5, Oxygen; 6, Avowal; 7, Create; 13, Rod; 14, Gyp; 15, None; 19, Ache; 20, Esk; 21, Kim; 22, Cromer; 23, Maggot; 24, Strike; 26, Kimono; 27, Dowlas; 30, Sheba; 32, Omen.

A Woman's Corner

Exhibition Talk.

A Fairy-tale Wedding

By PANDORA.

The sun is shining at this moment of writing, so it appears a suitable time to indulge in a few rhapsodies over the spring flowers. Spring flowers in January, think of it! Daffodils, mimosa, tulips, not only in the windows of the more exclusive and expensive shops, but in the street-hampers as well. Mauve and pink dwarf tulips are primly grouped in tight bunches surrounded by a demure white frill, and branches of mimosa are waved at you temptingly to help you to pretend that winter is nearly over and spring is at the door. They are lovely, these early spring flowers, but—there is always a "but"—when they come as soon as this what is there left for us a few weeks hence? Will spring flowers continue to overflow the baskets and shop-windows or are the summer blossoms also to be ahead of time, which will result in chrysanthemums coming in July in order to keep up with the times? Anyhow, the tulips and their contemporaries are very welcome with their promise of spring.

The Italian Pictures.

The Italian Exhibition, like its predecessors the Flemish and the Dutch exhibitions, provides us all with a safe and agreeable topic of conversation. As a change from beginning a chat with a stranger at a party by mentioning the weather it is a godsend. Moreover, the weather is something we all have in common. Even the best-informed new acquaintance cannot think of anything to say about the weather that you do not know yourself, whereas the Italian Exhibition opens up a wide vista.

You may be the one who kisses or the one who turns the cheek, so to speak, but whichever it is you can feel safe. If you were at the private view, or had seen most of the famous pictures before, you start well, and if you happen to be talking to one of the born listeners you are in for a happy time, telling where and when you saw the masterpieces and any other details that occur to you.

Giving and Receiving.

Most of us, I have noticed, are more anxious to give than to receive when it comes to talking of the exhibition, and many of us are afraid of seeming ignorant or obtuse by criticising. We all rejoice secretly in those persons who say the things we are too cowardly or too shy to give voice to, so it is a relief to find someone who remarks frankly that he finds a whole gallery of Madonnas fatiguing and prefers to look at a few pictures in each room rather than to try to admire all that he is expected to like. Even the person who can be a little frivolous occasionally is a change from the too-well-informed, who looks at you in sorrow rather than anger when you admire something which happens to appeal to you, but may not be in the first rank.

Princess's Romance.

One would have to be cynical and disagreeable not to feel interested in the marriage of a charming young Princess to a handsome Prince. The romantic, reading the accounts of the wedding of the Belgian Princess to the heir to the Italian throne, must have been reminded of many of the fairy tales of youth. All the elements of a proper nursery story were there, but in addition there was much more. In fairy tales the Prince usually had to fight dragons or witches or escape from disguises, but in this true story the sweet young princess spent some of the days of her early youth in the shadow of a terrible war, with her country occupied by an enemy, and her brave Royal father and mother reduced to living in one small corner of their own country while she and her brothers were at school in England.

There was a time when convention and politeness insisted that all royal marriages were love matches, but one had doubts. Since the war, when alliances for reasons of convenience have necessarily become fewer, one has been able to feel a genuine belief in the royal marriages being love matches, and, as all the world loves a lover, this is a comfortable thought.

Cold January.

Far be it from me to take the rôle of a prophet about the weather, but I have lately come across a reference to the fact that January 14 is often the coldest day in the year. It was on that date in 1205 that the great frost began. It continued (we must hope that history will not repeat itself) "till the two-and-twentieth day of March, so that the ground could not be tilled." So says Stowe. The famous frost of 1814 began at the end of December, and lasted a month, when there was a thaw that brought down an ice-pack which was caught between the bridges when the frost came again. This time it lasted until the Thames was frozen hard, a Frost Fair was held, and games were played on the ice by the multitudes, who, one hopes, were warmly wrapped up.

Beginning Early.

It may seem rather soon to be talking of next Christmas and the arrangements connected therewith, but a seed sown now may bear good fruit eleven months hence.

A very charming shop assistant, speaking of the Christmas holidays, mentioned that many of the girls live a long distance from London, in Cornwall and Scotland, for example, and it is impossible for them to start for home until very late on Christmas Eve, or actually on Christmas Day, which means that they have to leave on their return the next evening. She added: "Many people have to shop late, so it can't be helped, but we would not mind if we only had our Saturday."

Some of the shops, for the convenience of customers, keep open on the Saturday afternoon before Christmas, but if the customers as a whole realised that this means a real hardship to the assistants, who get no leisure for themselves just before Christmas, most of them would manage to do their shopping at other times. It should not be very difficult to do so, as many business houses and offices give their staffs extra time off occasionally for such "urgent private business" as Christmas shopping.

A Disdainful Bird.

Can anyone tell me how to gain the affection or even the mild respect of a small bird? It is a humiliating request to make, but it is more humiliating to have one's best efforts in the ways of chirps and whistles, coaxings and cajolings, treated with chilly indifference.

Peter is a green singing finch, who came all the way from Nigeria in a very little cage, and now has a comfortable apartment with a private bath, hot and cold if he wants it, and all the delicacies of the season, even a piece of cuttlefish bone upon which to sharpen his neat little beak. But he makes no response in return for these attentions.

In the kitchen he is a great favourite. His real owners are told that he sings delightfully, and is most friendly to the cheerful young maids who minister to his comfort. The owners—poor snubbed creatures—have no proof of this agreeable disposition. In other places than the kitchen he sits silently staring as if the humans before him, who are really trying to be pleasant, were freaks. He seems to intimate that in Nigeria things are quite different, and the people more congenial.

He puts his head on one side to listen to a whistle, and then ostentatiously scatters his seed in all directions or pretends that he would take a swing if only he were left in peace. Occasionally he gives a little chirp when he feels that he has been too severe, and when we respond with pathetic eagerness he looks surprised, and has the appearance of yawning from sheer boredom.

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And talking of dumb friends, can any reader tell me, for the benefit of a correspondent, where to buy a special sort of collar for a cat? Please!

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THE PHILOSOPHY OF BEARDS.

ABBOT'S TREATISE FOR BRITISH MUSEUM.

OLD BOOK OF HOURS

By A SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT.

Included in the usually sober assortment of rare acquisitions announced by the Trustees of the British Museum at their monthly meeting, yesterday, occurs one delicious discovery—a serio-comic mediæval treatise upon beards.

It is a small vellum booklet written in mediæval Latin, and issued about the middle of the twelfth century by Burchard, the learned and devout Abbot of Belvaux, in the French diocese of Besançon. Burchard entitled his work "Apologia de Barbis"—an apology in the matter of beards—and an apology in fact it is.

Someone had slanderously informed the *conversi*, or lay brethren, of the daughter-house of Rosières, that the Abbot of Belvaux had spoken sharply upon the subject of their beards—more, that he had declared that these beards ought to be utterly burnt.

PUNS ABOUT BARBARISM.

Nothing, he points out, could be further from the truth. Nothing could be more "barbaric," and here he begins to display a talent for puns about barbarism and beards (barbae) which serves him at intervals throughout the pamphlet.

He is, as he wishes to make clear, really interested in beards. So much so that he enters upon a disquisition upon the preservation and cleanliness of beards, with special reference to the beard of Aaron, down which the oil ran.

This investigation in itself hardly satisfies him. He turns to the composition of beards, particularly the ropy, twisty beards which some of his neighbours favoured.

There were a number of mediæval gentlemen, it appears, who liked spiky moustaches, though others preferred silky beards, which one could stroke in one's hands instead of twisting them to a point with one's fingers.

He gets well into the subject of beards as worn in the twelfth century, divagates on to the unnaturalness of women being bearded, and discusses the rival charms of the chin beard or "Napoleon" and the under-chin beard or "goatee."

What appears to be the final section of the treatise deals with the fate of beards in the afterworld. There is some doubt about this, though Burchard inclines to the comforting belief that those who wear beards in the present life will continue to do so in the future life.

NO SHAVING IN HEAVEN.

Heaven, however, seems to be so ordained that shaving is in any case unnecessary. On these points he is tentative rather than dogmatic, and in the missing clauses some decisive conclusion may have been reached. As it is, the last page of parchment is blank of writing.

Some later humorist, perhaps as unconscious as the good Burchard himself, has adorned the space with nine drawings of different kinds of heads furnished with raggedy beards to set off their varying shapes.

This treasure, previously unknown, is not the only new discovery to come this month into the care of the Department of Manuscripts. There is a fourteenth century Book of Hours from the confines of France and Flanders, and ordained for monastic use.

Such Books of Hours are as a subject for illuminated manuscripts common enough. But this particular example is, in the experience of the Museum, entirely unique, since it is formed not as a book, but as a long roll thirty feet by four inches.

This form is, of course, thoroughly inconvenient for a work intended to be read through every day. When it is neatly rolled round a wooden rod it has the innocent appearance of a military puttee, which in essentials it resembles. When it begins to get unrolled it has all the unwieldiness of that object.

Yet it is beautifully written out on both sides of the parchment, trimmed with delicate Flemish miniatures, and given the extra ornament of ten different types of script placed one below another for a foot or two of its length.

A HEINE POEM.

Other new deposits received by the Manuscript Department yesterday include a holograph poem of Heine, and forty-eight volumes of architectural and archæological drawings made by Edward Blore, bequeathed by the late Charles Keyser. These represent chiefly English buildings and monuments from the year 1830 onwards, and are invaluable as an authority upon the changes made in the last century.

Among printed books two acquisitions of note are made. One is a life of St. Thomas à Becket, written in Spanish from a Latin original and published in 1554. The other is a curious inventory of text-books in Roman Law printed at Lyons in 1522, and intended for the information both of booksellers and of students.

It is probably the first specialist bibliography in the world. To the Department of Ceramics and Ethnography, the Keeper himself, Mr. R. L. Hobson, has presented a rare bronze sacrificial food-pot, which he has brought back from a personal trip to China.

Its tripod form is not unusual, but it seems to be unique in the arrangement of the three joined sections in the forms of elephants' heads, with ears and eyes incised and the feet of the vessel turned into the elephants' trunks.

PRINTS AND DRAWINGS.

A very substantial gift has been made to the Department of Prints and Drawings, through the Keeper of that Department, Mr. Campbell Dodgson, by the Contemporary Art Society. It consists of nearly 200 works by living British and foreign draughtsmen and engravers, including among many others drawings by Robert Austin, Frank Dobson, Bernard Meninsky, William Rothenstein, Marchand, Segonzac and Signac and engravings by Blampied, Brockhurst, Francis Dodd, Eric Gill, Laura Knight, Spencer Pryse, and J. A. Shepherd.

Several of these are instances of rare states and very small editions, and they are in no cases duplicates of work already to be seen in the museum.

CHURCH BOXES RIFLED.

BURGLARY IN BUILDING WHERE SHAKESPEARE IS BURIED.

The Church of Holy Trinity, Stratford-on-Avon, where Shakespeare is buried, was broken into on Friday night and three boxes containing donations were rifled. Entrance was made through a memorial window, a ladder which had been used by workmen in cleaning and painting the exterior of the chancel being utilised.

The boxes were emptied at Christmas, and the haul was not large.

HON. ELSIE MACKAY MEMORIAL.

A window in memory of the Hon. Elsie Mackay, who lost her life in an attempt to fly the Atlantic, is being provided by her parents, Lord and Lady Inchcape, in Glenapp Church, Ballantrae, Ayrshire.

BOY PIANIST'S MISHAP.

Cherkassky, the boy pianist who has been playing at the Royal Albert Hall and in the provinces with the London Symphony Orchestra, has had to cancel his engagements for the rest of this month owing to a poisoned finger. He has gone into a nursing home for an operation.

It is expected that he will be able to resume his tour with the Orchestra at the beginning of February.

CHAIR OF AMERICAN HISTORY

AT LONDON UNIVERSITY COLLEGE.

PROFESSORS HONOURED.

By OUR LONDON UNIVERSITY CORRESPONDENT.

Some three years ago the first steps were taken in New York to gather together funds to establish in the University of London a Chair of American History, and sums of money were contributed both in England and America. The Board of Directors of the Commonwealth Fund have brought the matter to a satisfactory conclusion by voting an appropriation as an endowment of a Department of American History to be established at University College, including a professorship and assistantships.

The chair will be called the Commonwealth Fund Chair of American History, and the holder and his assistants will be members of the Department of History at University College.

THREE EMERITUS PROFESSORS.

The title of Emeritus Professor has been conferred by the Senate on Professor Gardner, Professor Oliver, and Professor Jenks.

Professor Gardner was appointed to University College as Yates Professor in Archæology in 1896, and he continued in the chair until 1929. He is well known as a distinguished archæologist, and he was also able to take an active part in University affairs, filling the offices both of vice-chancellor and public orator.

Professor Oliver came first to University College as an assistant in 1886, and was appointed to the Quain Chair of Botany in 1890, which he held till 1929. He has much distinguished original work to his credit.

Professor Jenks was given this honour although his length of service in the University of London only covered a period of five years. But Professor Jenks's distinction in his subject has been universally recognised, and in his five years as Professor of English Law at the London School of Economics he did much to strengthen the teaching of law in London.

NEW YEAR HONOURS.

It is a matter of great gratification to his many friends that the honour of a baronetcy should have been given to Sir Gregory Foster on his retirement from the post of Provost of University College. Every member of the University will feel that it is not only a recognition of Sir Gregory Foster's own success but of the position of University College and of the University of London. Neither could calculate how much they owe to the vision, hard work, and personality of the Provost.

Education has also been fitly recognised in the knighthood conferred on Dr. T. Percy Nunn, Principal of the London Day Training College. Here again there is the distinguished mind and the personal devotion which so thoroughly deserve to be honoured.

THE HATRY TRIAL.

LIKELY TO BEGIN ON JANUARY 20.

The principal case in the calendar for the January Sessions of the Central Criminal Court, which open at the Old Bailey on Tuesday, is that of Clarence Charles Hatry and his three associates in the Hatry group of companies—Edmund Daniels, Albert Edward Tabor and John Graham Goodfellow Dixon.

The charges of fraud against them, as outlined at the Guildhall, involve sums amounting to over £1,900,000, and the trial is expected to last nearly a fortnight. At the proceedings in the Guildhall there were thirty-four appearances before the magistrate and fifty witnesses for the prosecution alone. Since their committal the defendants have had various consultations with their legal and financial advisers, the Grand Jury Room at the Old Bailey being placed at their disposal for this purpose.

Only Tabor is on bail, fixed at £5,000. During the police-court proceedings his wife gave birth to a son.

Eminent K.C.s will appear in the case. Mr. Norman Birkett will lead for Hatry, Sir Henry Curtis Bennett for Daniels, Mr. Cecil Whiteley, K.C., for Dixon, and Mr. Roland Oliver for Tabor. The Attorney General, Sir William Jowitt, K.C., will, it is understood, conduct the case for the Crown.

It has not yet been decided which judge will take the case. It is probable that an application will be made before him to fix the trial for Monday, January 20. Already numerous applications have been made by City men and others, including a number of women, for admission to the trial.

The printed details of the Hatry indictment occupy two and a-quarter foolscap folios of the calendar.

MR. ROCKEFELLER.

"TALKIE" GREETING TO 200 GUESTS.

CLEVELAND, OHIO, Saturday.

Mr. Rockefeller, senior, is still hale enough for a man of 90, but he is unable to leave his winter home at Ormond Beach, Florida.

Nevertheless, he was seen and heard by 200 guests here by means of the "talkies" on the occasion of the sixtieth anniversary of his founding of the Standard Oil Company. Mr. Rockefeller appeared on the screen active and alert, and, taking his seat on the verandah of his residence, he read aloud his greetings to the guests.

The American newspapers recently estimated that Mr. Rockefeller's benefactions during his long life have amounted to $750,000,000 (£150,000,000).—*Reuter.*

A FESTIVE EVENING.

ALDWYCH CLUB LADIES' NIGHT.

The Aldwych Club annual ladies' night took place at the Connaught Rooms, and was a very gay and enjoyable function, which lasted well into the early hours of yesterday.

Sir Gomer Berry, who is president of the club this year, was present, and many hundreds of members came with their friends and relatives to join in the festivities.

Tables, bright with coloured hyacinths, were also adorned with crackers, and the grand hall was treated to every conceivable decorative device.

Fancy dress was worn by the majority, and amazingly attractive fantastic headdresses were presented to all, while the lady guests were further treated to delightful gifts, consisting of vanity cases, scent, and so forth.

The club had also arranged a dress parade from Reville's, who made a point of including in their display models for the spring in all-British materials. There were day suits of Bradford fabrics and evening dresses of Nottingham laces, while in many instances the *ensembles* were accompanied by handbags and hats made especially from Bradford cloths and Cumberland and Scotch tweeds.

After dinner the floor was cleared, and dancing took place. An excellent cabaret was another feature of a highly successful evening.

COUNCIL CLERK FOUND DEAD.

The body of the clerk of the Dawlish Council, Mr. F. S. Cole, a solicitor, has been recovered from the River Exe at Lympstone. He had been missing since December 9.

Mr. Cole's health broke down last April, and he was granted leave of absence. He was 64 years of age, and had been clerk for twenty-five years.

THE SOCIETY OF EIGHT.

COLOUR IN SCOTTISH EXHIBITION.

NOTABLE WORKS.

FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT.

EDINBURGH, Saturday.

The art year in Scotland always opens with the exhibition of the Society of Eight, and the exhibition now being held in the New Gallery is in no way inferior to its predecessors in point of general interest or variety of subject and treatment.

The exclusive eight are all artists of many achievements. This is the eighteenth exhibition of the Society, the limited membership of which has undergone some changes in personnel during those years. Just a fortnight ago Mr. P. W. Adam, R.S.A., one of the original eight, died, and the only survivors now are Sir John Lavery, R.A. and Mr. James Paterson, R.S.A.

A group of Mr. Adam's work is included in the exhibition. For the most part they show Mr. Adam not in his characteristic rôle as the meticulous painter of interiors, but happy among flowers and gardens. His irises, pansies, poppies, geraniums and tulips are full of charming beauty. The principal canvas, however, is "The Green Bureau," a distinguished "interior" example of ornate detailed execution. Above this picture is placed a memorial wreath.

In recent years Sir John Lavery has not supported the exhibition by submitting many works, and only one of the three by which he is represented this year has any claim to importance. This is a portrait of Lady Heath in aviation kit, a fine work somewhat subdued in tone but not lacking in character.

As one enters the gallery attention is directed to fourteen works by Mr. F. C. B. Cadell, every one in vibrant colour. In this respect they have a sameness which detracts in a measure from the value of the group, but probably not so much so as in the case of the vividly phrased still-life pictures which, in another part of the gallery, represent the emphatic feeling for colour of Mr. S. J. Peploe, R.S.A. The most notable of Mr. Cadell's pictures are "The Open Window," which shows a lady seated in a buoyantly decorated room, and "Black and Gold," a half-length portrait of a girl. There are still-lifes and landscapes of real charm in the Cadell group.

FOREST SCENES.

One turns with pleasure to Mr. James Paterson's exhibits, mostly landscapes, strong in design and in atmospheric quality. Mr. Paterson's love of subjects, in which the sky is an outstanding feature, is specially shown in his eminently effective "Arthur's Seat," an unusual view of one of the hills which dominate Edinburgh. Another Edinburgh study that captivates is "The Dean," a striking aspect of an old-world part of the city.

A really notable contribution is made by Mr. J. Lintott, R.S.A., who shows landscapes and one or two rich, warm forest scenes, impressive in the fidelity of the tree forms. His portrait of Mrs. A. Nimmo Smith has an appealing quality, but perhaps "The Circling Year," an allegory represented by four artistically posed figures, will be regarded as his most important contribution to a distinguished group.

Three of the seven pictures shown by Mr. David Alison, R.S.A., are portraits, the subjects being the Earl of Strathmore, a half-length, in his robes as a Knight of the Thistle; Mr. W. Robertson Finlay, and Mr. John Cameron. They are all highly successful, instinct with personality.

The inspiration which Mr. John Duncan, R.S.A., receives from legendary literature gives to his exhibits a distinct contrasting quality. Everyone may not understand the themes, but all will admire the sense of rhythm and the beautifully modelled figures which compose his decorative fantasies.

The water-colour room contains about fifty works by the same artists, and adds greatly to the interest of the exhibition.

INDIAN CONSPIRACY.

PRISONERS SENT FOR TRIAL AT SESSIONS.

MEERUT, Saturday.

With the exception of Dharamvir Singh, member of the Legislative Council of the United Province, who has been discharged, all the accused in the now famous Meerut conspiracy case (there are thirty-one, excluding Dharamvir Singh), including Bradley and Spratt, the British Communists, and Hutchinson, a journalist, have been committed to sessions by Mr. Milner White, the special magistrate.

The charge against the accused is:—

That you in and between 1925 and 1929, within and without British India agreed and conspired together one with another and with the Amir Haider Khan, an absconding accused, and with the persons and bodies mentioned in the attached list and other persons known and unknown, not before the Court, to deprive the King of the Sovereignty of British India and thereby committed an offence punishable under Section 121 (a) of the Indian Penal Code and within the cognisance of the Court of Sessions.

It is understood that Mr. R. K. Yorke, I.C.S., will conduct the sessions trial. A list of 400 witnesses for the defence has been filed.

The trial, which began on June 12, was the sequel to police raids all over India on March 20, which resulted in the arrest of thirty-one Communists, leaders and others. The arrests were made principally in Bombay, Poona, Allahabad, Lucknow, Lahore, and other cities. The accused were taken to Meerut to await their trial, and bail was refused.

In the course of the trial striking revelations of Communist activities in India were made. The accused were alleged to have conspired with the Third International and other organisations in Moscow as well as with Communist organisations in England.

Alleged statements and extracts from articles by Mr. Snowden and Mr. MacDonald were quoted as evidence for the defence.—*Reuter.*

SNATCH-PROOF BAG.

NEW GADGET AT THE INDUSTRIES FAIR.

A woman's handbag which is designed to foil the snatch-thief will be exhibited in the London Section of the British Industries Fair at Olympia next month.

On one side of the bag—the side turned outwards when it is carried—is a strong leather strap or band. The owner puts her forearm through the loop formed by this band and the side of the bag, and for complete safety has only to close her fingers round the front edge of the bag.

"We designed and made this handbag as soon as the bag-snatching epidemic began," the exhibitor said, "and we are taking care to see that the price will bring it within reach of the majority of women."

SHORTHAND IN INDUSTRY.

Viscount Burnham, proposing the memory of Sir Isaac Pitman at the annual dinner of the Pitman Fellowship—of which he is the new president—held at the Hotel Victoria last night, said that when one looked back at the history of shorthand one could appreciate what Sir Isaac Pitman had really done. Shorthand, after all, was the master-key to modern industry which no mechanism could ever supplant.

There are actually some 500 different systems of shorthand in existence. India could probably claim to be the oldest users of shorthand, as thousands of years ago they had—and still had—more scripts in use than in all the other countries of the world.

ROME'S NEW TRAFFIC PLAN.

CHAOTIC RESULTS AND DISCONTENT.

TRAMS AND BUSES.

FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT.

ROME, Saturday.

Having bidden Godspeed to the Royal bridal pair, Rome has turned with a sigh which is not exactly one of relief to her own particular problems. One of them has become rather acute during the last few days and has caused a very persistent note of discontent to be heard beneath the sound of rejoicings.

The new traffic plan may quite definitely be said to have failed. At the beginning of the year, the tram lines which formerly crossed the city from the suburbs on every side were abolished over the central sections. The plan was that on reaching the outskirts of the city the tramcar passenger changed into a motor-bus for the remainder of his journey—unless he wanted to cross to some outlying point on the other side, in which case he changed a second time into another tram.

Unfortunately, no proper account seems to have been taken of the respective seating capacities of trams and buses, and over many of the previous tram routes no public vehicles have been provided at all. In consequence of this, the buses are hopelessly overcrowded, and—despite the fact that the Roman public is no rougher than any other—the battle is to the strong.

Those who do not wish to do battle or whose time is of some account take taxi-cabs if they can afford it and walk if they cannot. It was rather fun at first, but it became less funny when people began to realise that it is not so much the novelty of the system that caused confusion as the fact that it is inherently a defective one. Now that the festivities have ceased, some attempt will have to be made to remedy matters. The traffic problem in Rome is a serious one, for the city has, most unwisely, been allowed to expand all round a centre composed of narrow streets, ancient monuments, and archæological "zones," which from its very nature must form a perpetual hindrance to traffic.

YESTERDAY'S MUSIC.

YOUTH IN FORCE AT HOLIDAY CONCERT.

It was significant to see so large a crowd of boys and girls so enthusiastic at the morning concert at Central Hall, Westminster—evidently, to listen to music now ranks among the "jolly things to do during the 'hols.'" And for this state of affairs in London Mr. Robert Mayer and Dr. Malcolm Sargent and his orchestra are largely to thank.

The event was regarded by them as apart from the remainder of the scheme of concerts now in progress, but, in truth, it fully exemplified its virtues. Four well-known works were played, and beforehand, Dr. Sargent analysed their leading features and told something of their history in the lighthearted, allusive style that he has made his own.

After Mozart's Overture, "The Marriage of Figaro," had set the mind and senses dancing, it must have been the easier for every listener to settle to the solemn splendour of Bach's organ Fantasia and Fugue in C minor, as scored for full modern orchestra by Sir Edward Elgar. It was to the fugal themes of Bach that the children were induced to sing Dr. Sargent's mnemonics, "I'll sing my splendid song and banish sorrow from my holiday," and "I am a mighty giant"; but there is as much of Elgar as of Bach in the final product.

THE UNFINISHED SYMPHONY.

The very best was made of it, even if an ideal presentation of this, as well as of the music that was to follow it, would call for more numerous strings than are, of necessity, available in the Children's Symphony Orchestra.

Of Schubert's Unfinished Symphony a better-directed performance has rarely been heard in recent times. The slow movement, particularly, was caused to release the sum of its poetry, and the playing that came from the wood-wind was of extreme beauty and faultless finish.

Any description of the story of "Tannhäuser," the Overture to which brought the concert to a close, to a juvenile audience presents sufficient difficulties, and it was perhaps as well that, after passing airily over its moral aspects, Dr. Sargent made the point that it is really a serious, not a flippant, work.

As evidence of the quickening interest in the musical education of the young, it should be recorded that Mr. Lansbury was present, with a large family party and several officials, including the Parliamentary Secretary of the Board of Education.

Many headmasters, including those of Westminster School, Oundle, and Berkhamsted, and contingents from the recent conferences of elementary school teachers and Society of Musicians, had also taken the unusual opportunity of being present by invitation among the audience. H. F.

TWICE FORCED DOWN.

STUDENT'S BAD LUCK IN FLIGHT TO INDIA.

Mr. Man Mohan Singh, the young Indian student, who left Croydon Aerodrome yesterday on the first stage of his flight to India, was forced down at Maidstone (Kent) at about 1.30 owing to the bad weather. He resumed his flight later.

News was received at Croydon later stating that Mr. Singh had crossed the Channel safely but that bad weather in France had caused him to land at an aerodrome outside Calais. He will probably continue his long flight via Paris to-day.

It was his intention to accompany the Indian air mail, which left Croydon at 8.30 yesterday morning, but he arrived at the aerodrome too late to do so. Mr Singh was wearing a turban when he boarded his light aeroplane "Miss India" and set off. Mr. Singh, who is the son of a rich Indian doctor, came to England two years ago to learn English methods of civil flying.

FAMOUS DETECTIVE BURIED.

MAN WHO ARRESTED CRIPPEN AND JABEZ BALFOUR.

The funeral of Mr. Frank Castle Froest, M.V.O., the famous detective, who was head of the Criminal Investigation Department of the Metropolitan Police Force from 1906 to 1912, took place at Weston-super-Mare yesterday.

Among the mourners were the Chief-Constable of Somerset, local justices, county council officials, officials of the Royal West of England Sanatorium, where Mr. Froest had been superintendent for the past twelve years, and St. John Ambulance Brigade.

Scotland Yard (Criminal Investigation Department) sent a handsome wreath, and the local police acted as bearers.

Mr. Froest had established for himself an international reputation when he left Scotland Yard in 1912 after thirty-four years strenuous war against the criminals of Europe. His most notable feat was the arrest of Jabez Balfour in South America, while he was also instrumental of securing the capture of Dr. Crippen on the latter's arrival in Canada.

OUR PARIS LETTER

7,000 TAXIS RETURN TO THE STREETS.

WEALTHY FRENCHMEN

FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT.

PARIS, Saturday.

After their twenty-four hours' strike the taxi-drivers of Paris were back at work to-day and the boulevards resumed their normal condition; in other words, the traffic problem, which had been solved for one short day, is again acute. The transformation is easy to understand when it is stated that of the 7,000 vehicles which ply for hire in the streets, only 100 appeared yesterday.

The drivers struck work as a protest against the increased rank charges, and also because of the threat to shorten the double-fare hours at night, and because of the charges made for the alteration of their meters. They also demanded a bigger percentage of the takings from the owners. The taxi-men agreed to resume work this morning on the owners undertaking to bear the increases in the rank charges, which are now 14 francs, as against 10 francs formerly. But the dispute cannot be regarded as settled, for the drivers assert that the proprietors are taking away with the one hand what they have given with the other, through having increased the price of petrol supplied to the drivers.

This extra charge will average about 2½ francs per day; so the taxi-drivers are still disgruntled. While the quarrel with the owners' companies continues it is, of course, the public who pay for the general increase in taxi charges. A short journey now costs double what it did recently.

Private car owners are to-day discussing the new regulations for the parking of cars in the city which make provision for a certain proportion of "free" parking places. From January 15 there will be only six parking places where owners will be permitted to leave their cars. The Place de la Madeleine seems destined to become a huge outdoor garage.

A FINANCIAL MIRACLE.

The financial and economic situation in France at this moment is a very singular one and would appear to suggest a contradiction of terms. On the one hand the stocks of gold accumulated at the Bank of France are so large as to make a Frenchman richer—in gold—than a citizen of the United States. This state of things argues great prosperity, which undoubtedly exists. Yet, on the other hand, there are signs, rather too eloquent for the average Frenchman, that his food is costing him more, while other expenses incidental to his daily life are increasing.

Foreigners have never been able to understand how a country which was on the brink of bankruptcy towards the end of July, 1926, should have been able to make so magnificent a rally, should, in fact, have worked a financial miracle. When he took the finances of the country in hand during those dark days, M. Poincaré did two things, one of which was obvious. He made all parties in the Chamber, with the exception of the Socialists, responsible for the management of the finances. His Government of National Union restored confidence. Money had to be found somehow and at once. It could only be found by increasing taxation. Then the Bank of France was given authority to buy gold and foreign currencies. With the foreign currencies gold was bought wherever it could be had, and thus it came about that from December, 1927, until June last year gold was bought in the New York market for 178 million dollars. As we know the gold purchases from England became so frequent as to cause some alarm in certain quarters.

INDUSTRIAL PROSPERITY.

One result, and a striking one, of the return of confidence was that French capital to the amount of fifty milliard francs, which had been exported abroad during the black days when Radicals were talking about a capital levy and Socialists were threatening to lay hands on money wherever it could be found, was repatriated. During the last three and a-half years France has enjoyed an industrial prosperity which is nothing short of marvellous, and though her exports to foreign countries are less in value than her imports from them, it has to be remembered that these imports are for the most part raw materials necessary for her industries, which have increased since the war.

Such is the financial strength of France that the Minister of Finance has ambitions concerning her future. He does not see anything to prevent Paris from becoming a market for floating big international loans. Several of the most prominent banks are with him on this matter. The money markets abroad are being closely watched, and it may be considered certain that M. Chéron will not lose any opportunity to secure for France what he terms a better distribution of international credits.

The state of the finances connotes general prosperity. In midwinter there are only 600 people throughout the land receiving unemployment pay. There has been a big cut in taxation, and Frenchmen, especially if they have families, are benefiting to a very appreciable extent. The Government, anxious to increase production, will spend milliards of francs in increasing the national equipment. The portents are that, barring political cataclysms, France will become more prosperous still.

REVERSE OF THE MEDAL.

And yet, amid these eloquent manifestations of well-being which would gladden the heart of England if her people could experience them there is deep discontent, particularly in Paris. We have this singular spectacle: wholesale prices are descending, in some instances by half. Are retail prices coming down in consequence? Not a bit of it. Figures are there to prove that, on the contrary, they are going up.

The Parisian has other reasons for growling. He is showing a temper that I have not seen during the fourteen years I have lived in the city. Time was when he was rather proud of his municipal council; now he is up in arms against it because it has annoyed him by adding, unnecessarily as he believes, to his daily expenditure by increasing omnibus and taxicab fares and underground railway travelling. It is significant that the newspapers of all shades of political opinion have taken up his complaints, and at the present moment there is a fierce campaign against the city fathers.

THREATENED THEATRE STRIKE.

Imagine a city like Paris with all its theatres, cinemas and music halls closed. The thing is unthinkable. Yet it will be an accomplished fact by the 25th of the present month unless the heavy taxation amounting to something over 30 per cent. is reduced by Parliament. For a long time the theatrical managers, finding their industry throttled and hampered, had threatened to close down. They were doing no good, they said. Because of their heavy expenses, they could not spend money on decent productions. They presented their case very forcibly, advancing the argument, which could not be refuted, that theirs was the only industry which was supporting the heavy tax known as the "droits des pauvres." They thought that they had brought the authorities to reason and would obtain relief, but in the recent reductions of taxation they were forgotten.

Now they are desperate. They are not indulging in bluff; they really mean to close their theatres. In their fight they have the dramatists with them, and also, it is claimed, the actors and actresses of the State-subventioned theatres. I do not think the Government will allow the threat to be put into execution. It will see to it that the theatres have the same right to live and prosper as other industries.

THE SHOT CITY DIRECTOR.

It was stated last night that the inquest on Mr. T. M. C. Steuart, the City director who was found with a bullet wound in the head at his home in Foxley Lane, Purley, Surrey, on Thursday, will be opened to-morrow morning.

Mr. Steuart died after an operation within three hours of being found.

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SCENES AT I.L.P. MEETING.

MR. MAXTON DEFIES THE CHAIR.

PARTY DISCIPLINE.

FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT.

GLASGOW, Saturday.

"The I.L.P. cannot afford to have its strength undermined by side-shows and week-end rebellions," declared Mr. P. J. Dollan here to-day in his presidential address to the delegates attending the Scottish conference.

"The success of the I.L.P.," added Mr. Dollan, "was not due to hero worship or to personal abuse of critics or opponents, but was the result of patient and persistent voluntary service by the rank and file whose efforts alone have made Socialism that leading political influence."

There was a scene at the conference when a woman in the gallery demanded an explanation of why she had been refused recognition as a delegate to the session. Addressing her as Miss Buick, Mr Dollan said that she was known as a member of the City branch, and if she had any complaint to make she should make it there.

As the interruption continued, Mr. Dollan observed that if she thought sh was going to advance what were called rebel tactics at this conference, she was mistaken. He would have to call the stewards to remove her. The interruption ceased shortly afterwards.

A LIVELY INTERLUDE.

Mr. James Maxton, M.P., took a prominent part in the lively interlude later, and he was supported by two Parliamentary colleagues, Mr. Campbell Stephen and Mr. Geo. Buchanan. Other M P.s who were involved were Mr Shinwell and Mr. Tom Dickson.

The row was the outcome of an emergency resolution forwarded by the Kinningpark Branch to the Executive asking the conference to consider the advisability of allowing I L.P. members of Parliament to vote against the Labour Party when they felt that such was necessary.

The chairman ruled that such matters must be reported to the Standing Committee, and this ruling was bitterly opposed by Mr. Maxton and others.

Mr. Walker, Kinningpark, held his branch's action was the only method of raising the matter, and Mr. Campbell Stephen, M.P., questioned the chairman's ruling and cited the Bradford decision, to which the chairman retorted that he was carrying on under I.L.P procedure.

A general hubbub ensued, during which Mr. Maxton was on his feet along with other delegates. He persisted in defying the chair, and a wordy duel ensued.

"You are trying to deprive me of my rights," exclaimed Mr. Maxton.

The Chairman: I will not take that from you or any other delegate. I will not be subjected to accusations of that character.

Mr. Maxton: I am not making accusations. I am attempting to make a speech. You have interrupted me on four occasions.

Mr. Dollan again called for order, to which Mr. Maxton replied, "I am in order in making a speech Supposing I moved that the chairman was to vacate the chair?"

"LAMPASTING" HIM.

Mr. Dollan: You were entitled at the outset of the meeting to do that, but you are not entitled to make a speech now.

By this time half a dozen delegates were on their feet and the conference was in a turmoil, during which Mr. Maxton was heard to exclaim:—

"Mr. Chairman, you need not try to play off the rank and filers against me. It has been said that you were going to lampast me at this conference."

Mr. Dollan, obviously upset, said it was decidedly unfair for Mr. Maxton to make such a statement. "I hope he will withdraw. I am not in the habit of playing to the gallery, and, in view of the long friendship of twenty years' standing, Mr. Maxton ought to have been the last man to say that to-day."

He had never made any such statement he was going to lampast Maxton or anyone else.

After further squabbling, the matter was referred to the Standing Orders Committee, and will come up again later.

BAD SHARE-OUT DAY.

LOAN CLUB SECRETARY SENTENCED.

"I cannot understand how these slate clubs or friendly societies carry on, having regard to the dreadful number of cases of this sort," remarked Mr. Hay Halkett, at Marylebone Police Court, yesterday, in sentencing Lewis Ryan (41), former secretary of the Old Eagle Loan and Investment Society, of Fairfield Road, Crouch End, to three months for stealing £8 17s. 3d

Mr. Leonard Ricketts, prosecuting for the St. Pancras Licensed Victuallers' Trade Protection Society, said that on December 19, sharing-out day, there was a shortage of £245 10s. Ryan was paid £20 a year for attending once a week, on Mondays, at the Old Eagle public-house, Great College Street, Camden Town, to receive subscriptions and make loans He should have paid all the money in hand to the treasurer, Mr. Edward Arthur Cant, the licensee.

The magistrate asked if the treasurer was insured against this, and Mr Ricketts replied "No Mr. Cant has paid the whole amount out of his own pocket. It is a serious matter for him." The dishonesty had been going on practically all last year.

A HUNDRED YEARS AGO.

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THE Commissioners of the Metropolitan Roads have reduced the tolls between London and Hammersmith.

IN Holland and the Netherlands the theatres contribute a tenth of their nightly receipts to the maintenance of the poor—of course, by compulsion.

WE hear that Mr. Clayton, of the *Court Guide*, was shot on Friday morning in a duel, at Battersea, by a gentleman of the Island of Ceylon. He died on Friday night.

THE silk trade in Coventry is represented to be in the most deplorable condition Almost all the hands are out of work, and the poor rates in some parishes are 20s. in the pound, with the prospect of an increase

THE Fine Arts have sustained an irreparable loss by the death of one of the most distinguished artists that ever graced this country. On Thursday, Sir Thomas Laurence breathed his last at his residence in R ssell Square. Though he had been indisposed for some days, this fatal result was not anticipated. He attended the Committee of the Athenæum Club on Tuesday evening and, although looking ill and complaining of a slight cold, he conversed with his usual cheerfulness

THE principle that pervades the whole of the New Police Act is that of *prevention*, not *punishment*, but it seems that the servants of the establishment interpret their duty somewhat strangely. Two *babies* (about six years of age) were charged at the Westminster Sessions with having robbed a mercer of a pair of stockings. The principal witness was a policeman, who admitted he knew they were about to commit a robbery, and therefore watched till he saw them do it!

ANGLO-EGYPTIAN FRIENDSHIP.

NEW ERA OPENED BY AGREEMENT.

KING FUAD'S SPEECH.

CAIRO, Saturday.

Amid enthusiastic scenes, King Fuad to-day opened the restored Egyptian Parliament. Sir Percy Loraine, High Commissioner for Egypt, witnessed the proceedings from his reserved position in the Chamber, railed off from the Diplomatic Corps.

The Chamber was filled with Deputies and Senators, and the galleries, crowded with numbers of distinguished visitors, presented a lively scene of colour.

The Prime Minister, Nahas Pasha, read the Speech from the Throne, which was unusually long.

A CAUSE FOR JOY.

The address was punctuated by rounds of applause, but the greatest acclamation greeted the reference to Anglo-Egyptian relations. On this subject the Prime Minister read:—

"It is a cause for joy that the present Session should permit a new era of understanding and fruitful friendship between Britain and Egypt.

"The British Government has expressed a true desire to reach a friendly agreement between the two countries, and the British Foreign Secretary has presented to the Egyptian Government proposals dictated in a spirit of friendship.

"My Government will gladly submit these to you, and my Government hopes to proceed with the negotiations with the British Government in a friendly atmosphere, in order to reach an honourable agreement.

"When the Agreement has been reached it will be submitted to Parliament for ratification, after which my Government will execute it in the same sound spirit with which it has negotiated it."

DEVELOPMENT SCHEMES.

The Prime Minister, in the speech, also referred to the safeguarding and preserving of the Constitution, and read a detailed programme, which included the passing of a new Customs tariff, which will operate from February 17, the creation of an agricultural bank with which the Government will be associated, and the distribution of Government lands into small-holdings.

The Government would also study electrical power schemes, especially that for the harnessing of the Aswan Dam, and would endeavour to introduce wireless in the principal centres of the country, and would construct two aerodromes at Cairo and Alexandria. Modern armament will be introduced in the Egyptian Army, and the necessary new units created.

Particular care, the speech stated, would be bestowed on the cotton problem and the discovery of new varieties. The Government proposed to introduce a law forbidding the mixing of cotton in ports and the fixing of the degree of humidity.—*Reuter.*

SAMPLES STOLEN.

FIRM'S APPEAL TO BAG-SNATCHING THIEVES.

A bag-snatching theft which will seriously inconvenience the trading operations of a City firm occurred on Friday night in Hamsell Street, E.C.

The victims are E. M. Manoy and Co. (Ltd.), manufacturers of ladies' garters and underwear, and the bags which were taken from a car outside their premises contained new samples for the coming season's trade.

"The intrinsic value of the samples is small," said Mr. Manoy yesterday, "but the loss to us is incalculable. They represent the result of months of hard work in designing, and were to form the basis of our fight against the French makers during the coming year.

"If it is just a common theft it is a case of 'little fish' and the thief would do us a great service in returning the bags, but possession of the samples would enable anyone in the trade to copy our original designs and do us a tremendous amount of harm."

STRUGGLES AND SCREAMS.

While on her way home from business in London on Friday night Miss Norah Butters (19), of Queen Anne Gardens, Mitcham, was attacked by a man at a dark corner of Love Lane, near her home, and robbed of her handbag which contained 18s., eyeglasses, and other articles.

The man—described as young, wearing a cap and dark-coloured overcoat—sprang out on Miss Butters at the corner of a narrow path leading to Queen Anne Gardens. He held her by the arms while she struggled and screamed, then snatched the bag and ran away.

STRUCK IN THE FACE.

Another case of handbag-snatching with violence was reported to the police yesterday.

Mrs. Lily G. White was walking towards her home in Clinton Road, Tottenham, on Friday night, and had reached West Green Road, when a man rushed at her, knocked her arm down, struck her in the face, and snatched her handbag, containing nearly a pound.

THE LEGION BOOK.

PRINCE'S THANKS TO POSTER ADVERTISERS.

The British Poster Advertising Association has received the following letter of thanks from the Prince of Wales for its help in advertising the "Legion Book" which the Prince himself compiled:—

"Before leaving for South Africa I should like to thank you for the exceptional help you gave in connection with the 'Legion Book.' I appreciate not only the generosity which prompted you, but the amount of work it must have entailed to all concerned. The Book could not have had such a wonderful send-off if it had not been for the ready support given it by advertisers and printers."

The Poster Association was responsible for the posting, free of charge, of 9,000 sixteen-sheet posters on the hoardings controlled by its members. The value of the space so given was estimated at £10,000.

All the proceeds of the "Legion Book" are going to the funds of the British Legion as a thank-offering for the King's recovery.

"BABBS IN THE WOOD."

The half-hour pantomime "Babbs in the Wood," done by the "Charley's Aunt" company at Daly's Theatre last evening, was a piece of broad ridicule.

It took the accepted features of pantomime, and, by way of burlesque, did them with an emphasised lack of skill, so that the entertainment may have suggested to any nervous pantomime producer in the audience a nightmare in which everything went wrong, the scenery being misplaced and with queer gaps; the chorus (of one) treading wearily; the principal boy's limbs having overgrown too bountifully; and the snow (a handful) falling after the cue.

All the actors caught the spirit of the thing and were as amusingly bad as possible Charley's Aunt herself appeared in a ballet skirt, and was superlatively in the tradition when getting the audience to sing a chorus.

The author of the brief diversion, it may be said, was Mr. Jevan Brandon-Thomas, son of the author of the famous farce.

POST-MORTEM BY TORCHLIGHT.

At a Port Talbot inquest yesterday Dr. Rufus Isaac complained that the light in the mortuary was so bad that he had to conduct a post-mortem examination with the aid of a policeman's electric torch.

DRIVING TEST FOR MOTORISTS.

EFFORT TO DECREASE STREET ACCIDENTS.

CONFERENCE MOTIONS.

"That some definite test of skill and capacity in addition to the mere declaration of physical fitness should be made a qualification for obtaining a driver's licence" is one of the many resolutions to be discussed at the conference on Tuesday, convened by the Minister of Transport, to consider what steps can usefully be taken to reduce the number of street accidents in London.

Another resolution asks that all drivers should produce a certificate of ability to drive a motor before being granted a licence, while a third proposal is that youths should only be licensed to drive the lower-powered vehicles.

DOUBLE WHITE LINES.

Other safety methods recommended are that regular crossing places for pedestrians should be increased and indicated by double white lines. Where such places are indicated, promiscuous and careless crossing should be forbidden.

At dangerous road junctions, it is recommended, subways should be constructed and pedestrians compelled to use them.

Greater police control is urged and further consideration given to the need for augmenting the regular Police Force by some auxiliary force trained in traffic control.

Other suggestions include the prohibition of motors and other vehicles passing on the near side of stationary tramcars, the enforcing of four-wheeled brakes, and the provision of life-guards on heavy motor-vehicles.

THE SPEED LIMIT.

On the question of speed, one resolution favours the retention of the twenty-mile limit, and another urges the reduction of the speed of motor-coaches through towns.

A regular "safety first" campaign in the schools is recommended, and, where possible, easily accessible playing fields should be provided for children.

Dazzle lights, it is stated, should be prohibited in the Metropolitan area.

ARREST ON LINER.

RATE COLLECTOR'S TRIP TO CANADA.

Bail was refused at Nottingham yesterday when Robert Percy Simons (48), of William Road, West Bridgford, a former West Bridgford rate collector, was remanded for eight days charged with embezzling sums belonging to the council about October 1 last.

Simons was arrested on the liner Montrose on its arrival at Greenock for Canada. He sailed for Canada last December, but the Canadian authorities refused to allow him to land and he was sent back in custody.

Mr. F. Clayton, who prosecuted, stated the alleged defalcations came to light as the result of an audit, during which Simons went to Canada. He sailed on December 6, the very day a warrant against him was applied for. He was arrested early on Saturday morning by Inspector Richards.

When the warrant was read over to prisoner in Glasgow. prisoner said "I understand."

Upon bail being refused, Mr. A. M. Lyons, for prisoner, said he would probably make application before the Judge in the King's Bench to-morrow morning.

CONSTABLE'S DUTY IN STREET CRASH.

CORONER'S COMMENT.

The duties of a constable in connection with street accidents were discussed at a Poplar inquest yesterday.

Mrs. Mary Dorothy Sadd, aged 57, of Ropemakers Field, Limehouse, had been killed, and when the inquest was opened P.C. Edward Stokes said that he had not taken the number of a lorry because he went to telephone for the ambulance. On his return the lorry was gone.

The Coroner: What is the duty of a constable when he is called to a street accident?

Inspector Burke: Attention to the injured person comes first, and he is also responsible for getting particulars.

The Coroner: It is not attending to the injured person to telephone. If a constable goes to the telephone he leaves everybody not knowing what to do. That is what happened in this case. (To Stokes): You did not have the common sense to tell the driver to wait, and you have caused all the trouble of putting it in the Press and broadcasting. Next time please do so.

Mr. Matthew Long, of Perry Street, Bristol, driver of the lorry, said Mrs. Sadd was knocked down by a bus on his off side, but the driver of another omnibus said Mrs. Sadd was hit by the off side of the lorry.

The Coroner said the driver of the lorry, thinking the woman was knocked down by the omnibus, had driven off.

Returning a verdict of "Accidental death," the jury expressed the opinion that the woman was knocked down by the lorry.

TO-MORROW'S CAUSE LIST.

Court of Appeal.

COURT I. (MASTER OF THE ROLLS, LAWRENCE AND ROMER, L.JJ.).—At 10.30: Appeal Motions—Expte.—From Chanc. and Prob. and Div. Dvns.—Appeals.—From Chanc. Dvn. (Interloc. List).—Glass v. Dubosky—appl. of Pltffs. from order of Eve, J. Final List.—Re Kershaw, Kenyon v. Bird—appl. of Defts., A. H. Bird and W. F. E. Ashton from order of Farwell, J.; Ladies' Hosiery and Underwear v. Parker—appl. of Defts from order of Maugham, J.

COURT II. (SCRUTTON, GREER AND SLESSER, L.JJ.).—At 10.30: Appeal Motions—Expte.—From K.B. and Admlty. Dvns.—Orig. Motion.—Billing v. Richards Bros.—appln. by Defts. for security for costs of appeal. Appeals.—From K.B.D. (Interloc. List).—Horn v. Automatic Scale Co.—appl. of Pltff. from order of Finlay, J.; Same v. Same—appl. of Deft., H. T. Barrett, from order of Finlay, J.; re Arbitration Act, 1889—John Evans and Co. (London) v. English Hop Growers—appl. of Applicants from order of Dvnl. Court. Not before 2: Re Petition of Right of Civilian War Claimants' Assoc.—appls. (3) of Suppliants from order of Wright, J.

Chancery Division.

COURT I. (EVE, J.).—At 11: In Court (as Chambers).—Master RIDSDALE.—Re Gibbs, dec.—Gelli v. Fox (smns.). In Court.—Motion (by Order).—King v. Servante. Ret. Adj. Smnses.—Re Oates—Jubb v. Oates; re Boyd—Kimber v. Whyte; re Marshall—Dowley v. North; re Burton Brewery Co.—Stretton v. the Co. and Pegg v. the Co.

COURT III. (CLAUSON, J.).—At 11: Ret. Action.—Witness List.—Part II.—Godfrey v. Godfrey.

COURT V. (MAUGHAM, J.).—At 11: Petns. (Unopp. First).—To Wind Up: Rizkalla and Co., Modern Residences Co., J. Young and Sons (Stratford), Artandia, Abchurch Lane Finance Co., British Pictorial Productions, Gillingham Tile and Glass Co., British Controlled Films (with witnesses), Stopitself Pram Brake and General Novelties, Parvo Products, Northwestern Farmers Dairies, G. B. and I. Securities Corporation, British Clothing Repairing Co., Gilbert and Knowles Burtstone, A. E. Lejeune, Maurice and Stealey, Drifinlaw, Sidney Smith and Blyth, Queensland Printing Works Co., Realist Publishing Co., H. Yudt, Armitage Brothers Huddersfield, Walden and King, Grays Inn Trading Co., To confirm reduction of capital: Wright Brothers, Bacares Iron Ore Mines, Rhodes (Allerton), West African Nigerian and General Trust, Metal and Hardware Products, Field Tank Steamship Co., Anfargah Gold Mines and Finance Co., Chislet Colliery, Lyeesi, Watts Hardy and Co. (1920). To confirm alteration of objects: Thomas Harrington, Halstead Gas Co., Linoleum Manufacturing Co., British Overseas Bank. Motion.—Selbourne Rubber Estates—Seletar Plantations v. Selbourne Rubber Estates.

COURT II. (LUXMOORE, J.).—At 10.30: Re Companies Act, 1929—re Assoc. Automatic Machine Corpn.

COURT IV. (FARWELL, J.).—At 11: Witness List.—Part II.—Oliver v. Oliver (action).

LORD CHANC.'S COURT (BENNETT, J.).—In Court (as Chmbrs.).—At 11: Chmbr. Smnses.—Chief Master HULBERT.—Without Counsel.—Re Hanbury, dec. (Collins v. Banta); re Clay, infs.; re Joseph, inf.; re Muller, inf.; To be mentd (1) To follow Chief Master.—A to D (Master RIDSDALE).—With Counsel.—Re Chillagoe Ry. and Mines Trust Deed; re Beaver, dec (Beaver v. Vestey); re Colpman, dec. (Wabe v Wabe); re Benskin, dec. (Benskin v. Benskin). Without Counsel.—Re Bohemian Cafe. To follow A to D Dvn.—E to K (Master KEEN).—With Counsel.—Re Goodrich, dec. (Woolven v. Goodrich); re Hartigan's Trust. To follow E to K Dvn.—S to Z (Master CHANDLER).—With Counsel.—Tom Brothers v Valentine; re H. L. Took's Will Trusts; re Williams, infs. and re Williams, dec (Williams v Lewis). At 2: City Equitable Fire Insce Co. (appln. of Liverpool Marine and General Insce

King's Bench Division.

L.C.J.'s COURT (Dvnl.) (L.C.J. AVORY and TALBOT, JJ.)—At 11: Expte. Motions.

COURT VII. (HORRIDGE, J.).—At 10.30: Special Juries.—Attorney-Gen. v. Walkergate Press; Attorney-Gen. v. Carlton; Attorney-Gen. v. Bloomfield; Soman v. Internatl. Cinematograph Corpn.

COURT IX. (ROWLATT, J.).—At 11: Non-Juries.—Wasserman v. Levy and ors.; W. King and Sons (Brixton) v. Country Service Assoc

COURT IV (MCCARDIE, J.).—At 10.30: Order xiv., Rule 8a.—Anderson v Richard Ruben; Bloch and Co. v. Newman; Cochrane v. Capital Securities; Hydraulic Hoist Co. v. Easy Loader.

COURT II. (ROCHE, J.).—At 10.30: Commercial List.—To be Mentd—Lloyd del Pacifico of Savona v. Board of Trade. For Hearing.—Appeal under Unemployment Insnce. Act, 1920.—Appeal by Southern R. (re Fortman).

COURT VIII. (WRIGHT, J.).—At 10.30: Commercial Smnses.—Attd. by Counsel.—Stephen Easter v. G. Marvin; British and Beningtons v. C. F. Beadell. Not Attd. by Counsel.—St. Mary S.S. Co. v. Stote Hosegood and Co.; Coggan v. Hewbins, Milburn and Co.; Same v. Same; National Bank v. Solomon and Co.; National Bank v. Quilter and Co.; R. Todd v R. Tucker and Co. Not before 11: Non-Juries.—Parker and Son v. Short and Glass; Shore v. Henry and ors.

COURT V. (CHARLES, J.).—At 10.30: Order XIV., Rule 8a.—Ryan v. Pyne; Day v. Godfrey and anr.; Mappin and Webb v. Goldberger; Holbrook (Builders) v. Anglo Trading Co.; Clovis Poullet et Fils v Huntley and anr.

COURT III. (HUMPHREYS, J.).—At 10.30: Common Juries.—Noble v. Langham; Falda v. L.G.O. Co.; Gales v Beach and anr.

CRIMINAL APPEAL COURT (MACNAGHTEN, J.).—At 10.30: Order XIV., Rule 8a.—Ice Rinks v. Mathuen; Baxter v. Otway and anr.; Thomas Tours v. Central London (Road Transport) Station.

To Jurors.—Special Jurors for Court VII. and Common Jurors for Court III. must attend at 10. Common Jurors for Court V. need not attend until Tuesday.

Court of Criminal Appeal.

L.C.J.'s COURT (L.C.J., AVORY and TALBOT, JJ.).—At 11: Applns.—Rex v. George Smith (330); v. Ali Cassim (340); v. Maud Sharpe (342); v. Frederick Coulter (349). Final Appeals.—Rex v. Edward Vanniascheram Charavanamuttu (339); v. Ellis Arthur Southern (343); v. William Henry Hunter (337); v. Percy Gibson (338).

Official Referees.

COURT I. (Sir FRANCIS NEWBOLT, K.C.).—At 10.30: Lythgoe v. Pratt; Eborall v Parminter; Lax and Shaw v. Langwell.

COURT II. (Mr. G. A. SCOTT).—At 10.30: Brewer v. Griboyedoff; Hall v. Gent; Cook v. Benjamin.

COURT III. (Mr. E. W. HANSELL, K.C.).—At 10.30: Leon v. Unger and Co.; Conners Bros. v. Hill. At 11: Potter and Co. v. Mayor, etc., of Hull (pt. hd.); Same v. Same (pt hd.).

Railway and Canal Commission.

K.B. COURT VI. (MACKINNON, J., Sir LEWIS COWARD, K.C., and Sir FRANCIS TAYLOR K.C.).—At 11: In Matter of Mining Industry Act, 1926, and in Matter of Appln. of Tilmanstone (Kent) Collieries (Applts.) and Edward Denis Rice, Henry Edward Harcourt Rice, Patrick Arthur Rice and Sir Claude Villiers Emilius Laurie (Respts.); in Matter of Appln. of Anglo-American Oil Co. (Applts.) against Manchester Ship Canal Co.

Probate, Divorce and Admiralty.

COURT II. (PRES.).—At 10.30. Undefd. Div. Causes (1 to 34).—Parr, H. M., v. Parr, B. F C.; Poyner v. Poyner and Peeke; Colenso, M., v. Colenso, W.; Gadsden, A R., v. Gadsden, B. H. V.; Stewart, M. E., v Stewart, H. V.; Brinkhurst, C., v. Brinkhurst, H. M.; Vincent, D., v. Vincent, O. F.; Harris v Harris and Quinlen; Samuels v. Samuels and Argent; Wilson v. Wilson and Sims; Bird, A., v. Bird, G.; Bradford B M., v. Bradford, F. J. C.; Beal, M., v. Beal, H E J.; Macdonald, M. I., v. Macdonald, N. J.; Russell L v. Russell, F. L.; Watson v. Watson and Bryan; Booth v. Booth and Hoffman; Goodenough, E. E., v Goodenough B. G.; Turner v. Turner and Stewart; Bracken v Bracken and Holmes; Sharp, M. E., v Sharp, W H. C.; Sharman, N., v. Sharman, L. S.; Hunter, D. W., v Hunter, J.; Wilson, F., v. Wilson C. B.; Sewell v. Sewell and Gallon; Croom Johnson, D G., v. Croom Johnson, D. C. (Carter intervg.); Seymour, E. B., v. Seymour, C. M.; Bernstein, A., v. Bernstein, S.; Page v. Page and Welsh; Blake v Blake and Marlow; Higgett, D. M., v. Higgett, B.; Cobham, E L., v. Cobham, L S.; Hobbs v. Hobbs and Blyton.

COURT I. (HILL, J.).—At 10.30: Admrlty.—Nimbo.—1929.—Folios 403 and 443; Motions for Judgt., in default of appearance (Damage); Scottish American.—1929.—Folio 342 (Salvage); Owners, Master and Crew s.s. Queensland Transport v. Owners s.s Scottish American, cargo and freight—Action for Trial on agreed Statements and Documents (with Trinity Masters).

COURT III. (BATESON, J.).—At 10.30: Prob and Div. Smnses.—Not before 12 Applns. to Make Absolute Decrees Nisi in 215 Causes. Prob. Motions Freeman, D. dec.; Holme, E., dec.; Harvey, M. A. E., dec.; Fordham F. L., pres. dec.; Dinshaw, E., dec.; Cox, J. G., dec.; Maynard, M. A., pres. dec. Div. Motions.—Stone, D. A., v. Stone, H. O'D.

POPE ON EDUCATION

ROMAN CHURCH CLAIMS SUPREMACY.

"DIVINE MANDATE AND INFALLIBLE MISSION."

VATICAN CITY, Saturday.

The Pope has issued a new encyclical on the education of children, which, for the first time in the history of the Pontifical Chancery, is published in Italian instead of in Latin. It will soon be translated into English, Spanish, German, French, and other languages.

The encyclical deals at length with the supreme principles by which the education of children ought to be inspired, and the necessity to harmonise the new pedagogic theories with Christian ideals. It enumerates the principal points of Christian education, which, it says, belongs to the Church, the family and the State.

The Church has a divine mandate for the education of youth joined with the infallible mission entrusted to the Church. The Church, therefore, has a leading part in education, sharing this mandate with families, which come even before the State. To the State is reserved the complementary work of education, without, however, taking the place to which the family and the Church are entitled.

The State, continues the encyclical, must avoid excesses where physical and military education are concerned. In general, the temporal Power must not conflict with the spiritual Power, just as reason must not conflict with faith.

SEXUAL EDUCATION OPPOSED.

The encyclical strongly opposes pedagogic naturalism, being especially severe against sexual education and co-education. It deplores the present low condition of society, which, it says, has been rendered worse by historical conditions. The social atmosphere of schools can be organised by the State, but the State must avoid the damage caused by lay schools, or even by neutral schools, no less than that caused by mixed schools in countries where different religions co-exist.

The encyclical then outlines how schools should be organised to form the true Christian, namely, the true man of character illuminated by faith and by the example of Jesus Christ, or in other words the man most perfect and most useful to society.

The encyclical ends with the passage of St Augustine on the educative mission of the Church.—*Reuter.*

OPERAS TO "TALKIES."

FAMOUS COMPOSER'S NEW ENTERPRISE.

FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT.

ROME, Saturday.

Signor Mascagni, the most popular of Italian musicians and the composer of "Cavalleria Rusticana," in the course of an article which he has contributed to the review *Rivista della Vene la Tridentina*, announces that his next work will be a talking film. He states that he has received requests from America to reproduce his operas as "talkies," but he felt that it would be more satisfactory to compose a new work rather than rearrange old ones.

Having reiterated his objections to the "greater part of modern music" on the ground that it "lacks inspiration, national character, genius, and the divine spark, being simply a manufactured article like so many others in our days," Signor Mascagni proclaims his intention to put the matter right.

"My proposal," he says, "is to create a new kind of music which shall not only be modern, but typically national. The national note will be the predominant one. This music will be so different from what exists that I am not even sure that I shall succeed at the first attempt."

MYSTERY OF MAJOR'S DEATH.

INQUEST ADJOURNED.

An inquest was opened at Funtington Hall, near Chichester, yesterday, concerning the death of Sidney John Fowler, a retired major of the R.F.A.

Major Fowler, who was 55, lived at Funtington Hall, and died there suddenly on January 8. He had, it is stated, been in ill-health for some time, and shortly before his death a messenger had gone for some medicine.

After Mrs. Fowler had given evidence of identification, the Coroner adjourned the inquest until February 10. The jury were informed that a post-mortem examination had not satisfied the doctors why death occurred suddenly, and that further investigations were necessary.

KILLED ON WAY FROM DANCE.

FLYING GLASS CAUSES GIRL'S DEATH.

BLED TO DEATH.

FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT.

STOKE-ON-TRENT, Saturday.

Returning in a friend's motor-car from a dance, Miss Joyce Harley-Jones, aged about 25, of Heath House, Uttoxeter, was killed in an accident early to-day.

Her companion, Mr. Guy Joseph Emery, aged 21, of Grove House, Cobridge, who was driving the car, was only slightly hurt. The car, a saloon, skidded into a lamp standard in Wieldon Road, and the windscreen was smashed. A piece of broken glass entered the right side of Miss Harley-Jones's neck and severed the jugular vein, and she bled to death before a doctor could reach her.

Slipping from a bus in Victoria Road, Hackney, yesterday, Miss Lilian Griening, aged 29, of Cassland Road, fractured her skull and died in hospital.

Knocked down by a motor-car in Geldard Road, Leeds, William Dixon, aged 40, of Wakefield, was killed.

A laundry van in which a man and a boy were riding crashed through the railings at Staines Bridge yesterday and fell ten feet to the river bank. The occupants escaped with slight injuries.

KILLED BY OWN CAR.

FARMER'S DEATH WHEN STARTING "IN GEAR."

Mr. William Shorrock, a farmer, of Nook Farm, Churchtown, near Garstang (Lancs), was starting his motor-car with the crank on Friday when it jumped forward, having apparently slipped into gear.

Mr. Shorrock was run over, and died from internal injuries.

Mrs. Peggy Thomas, a married woman, of Hansel Street, Bonymaen, Swansea, was knocked down by a bus on her way home, and died from her injuries yesterday.

William Troy, a young man, of Argyle Street, Swansea, died yesterday from severe injuries received by being crushed by a motor lorry.

Joseph Thomas Pepper, aged 18, son of a farmer at Nettleham, near Lincoln, was killed early yesterday, when, as he was returning from a ball at Newark, his car struck a telegraph pole near Thorpe Lane End.

In a collision in High Road, Chadwell Heath, early yesterday, between a motor-car and the milk barrow he was pushing, William Alfred Wood, aged 42, was killed.

LORRY OVER BRIDGE.

DRIVER'S MATE DROWNED IN FLOODED RIVER.

FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT.

CRANAGE (CHESHIRE), Saturday.

One man was drowned and another was seriously injured in an extraordinary motor accident here to-day.

After a slight collision with a motor-coach, a 10-ton six-wheeler lorry crashed over the low parapet of a bridge and fell into a flooded tributary of the River Weaver.

The driver, Leonard Ashover, of Everton, Liverpool, was rescued, badly injured, but his mate, Robert Hughes, of Everton, was drowned despite efforts to save him.

Twelve passengers who were in the motor-coach had an amazing escape.

According to an eye-witness, the lorry and the bus were travelling along the road, the lorry being ahead of the bus, which was rapidly overtaking it, and as they neared the mill bridge over the Peover the front wheel of the bus touched the offside wheel of the lorry. This apparently interfered with the steering, and the lorry plunged over the parapet, crashing with great blocks of stone coping into the river.

Crates of oranges with which the lorry was loaded slid on top of the driving cabin, and the driver and his mate were buried in the débris and trapped under water.

Three villagers, led by Mr. Fred Davenport, a well-known Belle Vue dirt-track rider, waded into the water to rescue the men. They got the driver out alive after smashing in the sides of the cabin, but had to hold his head above water during the rescue operations.

It was about a quarter of an hour before Hughes was found dead, having apparently been drowned.

ARREST IN THE CITY.

GREEK COUNT ACCUSED OF FALSE PRETENCES.

Count Arne Moraitiny, a Greek subject, described as a mining engineer, was remanded at Bow Street Police Court yesterday on a provisional extradition warrant charging him with obtaining money by false pretences at Prague, Czechoslovakia. The prosecution said the case was a serious one.

Det.-Inspector Dodd, of Scotland Yard said he arrested the accused at his offices in St. Helens Place, E.C. In reply to the charge he remarked: "Preposterous!"

Count Moraitiny now said that if he could get into touch with the Czechoslovakian Minister he could clear the matter

Mr. C. Grobel, who defended, remarked that the sum involved had always been treated as a loan.

AUCTIONS & ESTATES.

A GEORGIAN MANSION IN THE MIDLANDS.

Many important properties have been placed in the hands of Knight, Frank and Rutley for disposal. One of these is Kearsney Abbey, near Dover, with parklands and grounds of twenty-three acres. Through the grounds flows the River Dour, which has been widened into a chain of lakes set with wooded islets.

Twenty-seven corn and stock holdings, as well as the Georgian mansion and a smaller residence, are to be included in the sale of the Serlby Hall Estate, Nottinghamshire, which is to be held by Knight, Frank and Rutley at East Retford on January 23. The estate, which covers 4,720 acres, is about three miles from East Retford.

The Princes Hotel is to be entirely reconstructed. A wide arcade of shops will lead from Piccadilly to Jermyn Street. The gallery of the Royal Institute of Painters in Water Colours will not be interfered with, and the Masonic Temple is also to remain intact. Hampton and Sons, who are the agents for the letting of the available premises, state that it is anticipated the shops, offices, and showrooms will be ready for occupation by September.

Mr. Gordon S. Prior will in future practise in partnership with Mr. F. Rogers Goodwin under the style of Gordon, Prior and Goodwin. Offices have been secured in Pall Mall, and these will be opened to-morrow.

The governors of the South-Eastern Agricultural College at Wye, Kent, have now purchased the demonstration and experimental farms which for some years they have held on lease on the Olantigh Estate. The land includes Coldharbour and Silks Farms, and extends to about 480 acres. Mr. Alfred J. Burrows, of Knight, Frank and Rutley, the agent to the estate, acted for the vendors, and G. Webb and Co. of Sittingbourne, for the college authorities.

Knight, Frank and Rutley have sold Grange Farm, which extends to some 492 acres and forms a part of the Abington Hall Estate, between Cambridge and Audley End. Of the estate 2,664 acres have now been disposed of During 1929 the sales of this firm amounted to £7,352,627. For the post-war years 1919-1929 their sales reached the total of £62,620,629.

THREE MEN ARRESTED IN A THEATRE.

BREAK UP OF A GANG OF "CROOKS."

MAGISTRATE'S PRAISE FOR FLYING SQUAD.

Mr. Dummett, the Marlborough Street magistrate, yesterday congratulated three Flying Squad officers on "arresting and breaking up a gang of international crooks."

It was a case in which three men, wearing evening dress under overcoats, were watched as they moved suspiciously among the crowd and on omnibus steps in Haymarket and Charles Street, and were arrested later, in the stalls of His Majesty's Theatre, when the orchestra was playing the National Anthem after a performance of "Bitter Sweet."

The prisoners were:—Franz Oberman (51), commercial traveller, a Uruguayan subject, of Torrington Square; Joseph King (36), dealer, Magee Street, Kennington; and Lipman Pomozny (31), a Russian subject, traveller, of no fixed abode.

It was stated that Oberman ascended bus stairs while the others hustled passengers at the bottom, and, turning, descended as passengers were going up, and attempted to pick pockets. After three attempts they went into the theatre just as the performance was ending, got into the stalls, and, as the audience began to leave, Oberman attempted to pick a man's breast pocket. Pomozny tried to pick another man's pocket, but at that moment was arrested.

PREYING ON THE PUBLIC.

Det.-Sergt. Ferrier, who arrested King and Pomozny, said that as Oberman was being put into a car he saw him pass a wallet to Pomozny, who looked at it and dropped it.

All three denied the charges. Oberman declared that he did not know the other prisoners.

Previous convictions were put in against Oberman and Pomozny, including several on the Continent.

Mr. Dummett said the case showed an audacious attempt to rob the public, and it would be the gravest possible dereliction of duty if he, as guardian of the public, did not send these "crooks," who preyed on the public, to prison. He sentenced each to three months' hard labour, and recommended Oberman and Pomozny for deportation.

For being an alien, found in the United Kingdom after a deportation order had been in force against him, Pomozny was sentenced to an additional six months.

SHIPPING AGENT SENT FOR TRIAL.

ALLEGED CRUEL FRAUDS.

Frauds totalling more than £1,500 were alleged against Stephen Matthew Burton, 36, shipping agent, until recently trading as Burton's Overseas Information Bureau, Strand, who was charged on remand at Bow Street, yesterday, with fraudulently converting money to his own use

Mr. Horace Fenton, prosecuting, said that Burton had carried on business for some years as a passenger and goods transport agent, and was the accredited agent of certain big shipping companies. There were several cases against him. One was particularly sad and distressing.

Last July Mr. Albert Perry, a railway platelayer, of Leighton Buzzard, paid him £95 to book the homeward passage of some relatives from Australia, who had found that conditions out there in their trade were bad. Mr. Perry met the boat, but they were not among the passengers, and he afterwards found that their passages had not been booked.

In other cases Burton was alleged to have misapplied money entrusted to him to be transferred abroad, and for booking passages.

Burton, who pleaded "Not Guilty" and reserved his defence, was committed for trial. Bail was allowed.

FREE-BORN YOUTH.

MISS SUSAN LAWRENCE ON THEIR CHANCES.

"This generation is a hopeful generation," said Miss Susan Lawrence, Parliamentary Secretary to the Ministry of Health, to the delegates to the first annual conference of the Labour Party League of Youth at Transport House yesterday.

"A few short years will make you masters of the country and masters of your elders," Miss Lawrence said. "This generation is one which stands on the threshold of very great things, and this generation is a hopeful generation.

"We have passed through the ten years which separate us from the war. That ten years was a period of sadness, of disillusionment, of exhaustion, of lethargy, of recovery. The period of recovery is now at hand, and the young men and women of today, who did not go through that trial, are coming with their untried strength and fresh blood to take up the problems of civilisation."

Referring to the Suffragettes, Miss Lawrence said the old Suffragettes could say, "With a great price bought I this freedom." But the girls of to-day had an even prouder boast, "I was free born."

THE GOYT VALLEY.

RESERVOIR THREAT TO BEAUTY SPOT.

FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT.

DERBY, Saturday.

Fears are being expressed that much of the beauties of the Goyt Valley, one of Derbyshire's most delightful districts, will be destroyed by the proposals of the Stockport Corporation waterworks scheme to create reservoirs where the River Goyt now runs.

The matter has been taken up by the Derbyshire Rural Community Council, and the Mayor of Buxton, the Rev. G. H. Wilson, a member of the Preservation of the Countryside Committee, and Mr. L. Ramsbottom, the secretary of the Derbyshire Committee, have interviewed the Stockport authorities on the subject.

It is now believed that very little of the natural beauty of the valley will be marred. It is true that the picturesque stepping-stones near to Goyt's Bridge will be submerged, but the beauty of the upper reaches of the valley will be carefully preserved.

600 WORKMEN SUMMONED.

A special court was held at Durham yesterday when Messrs. Dorman Long, the owners of the Bishops Middleham Colliery, summoned 600 workmen for wrongful abstention from work in November. The actual loss to the company was £640, and 15s. damages was claimed from each defendant. The men heard that a workman named Levitt had been killed, and out of sympathy they left work according to custom.

The magistrates fined the first-shift men, numbering 150, 15s. damages, and ordered the remainder to pay the costs.

DIVINE SERVICE IN CIRCUS RING.

In the Ring at Olympia, where Mr. Bertram W. Mills's Circus is appearing every afternoon and evening, divine service is to be conducted at 11.30 this morning by the Very Rev. Prebendary Probert, Rural Dean of Fulham.

All the artists and employees of the circus will attend, and members of the general public are invited. Entrance at Addison Road gates.

BRITISH TRADE IN 1929.

COAL RECOVERY A FEATURE.

A POOR DECEMBER.

British trade ended the year in a minor key, both imports and exports for December showing substantial decreases on those for November, though in making these comparisons some regard must be paid to the Christmas holidays.

The Board of Trade returns, issued yesterday, show that the imports for December were valued at £106,574,540, a decrease of £1,643,361 on November, but an advance of £5,123,091 on the previous December.

An unsatisfactory feature of last month's increase over the corresponding period of 1928 is that £3,386,183 of it was under the head of articles wholly or mainly manufactured. This was spread over many items, the largest being £804,212 in non-ferrous metals and manufactures thereof.

Food, drink, and tobacco increased by £1,477,937. Non-dutiable food and drink were up by £2,095,152, and meat by £1,187,322, while grain and flour showed a reduction of £1,902,515.

The depressed state of the cotton industry was reflected in the drop by £2,174,154 in the raw cotton and cotton waste imported. There was a suggestion of revival in the wool trade in the increased imports of £1,251,995 in raw materials.

EXPERT FIGURES.

With regard to British exports, last month's trade showed big declines on November and the previous December. The total of £58,429,836 was a drop of £4,694,741 on the November figures, and of £1,964,493 on December, 1928 There was only one substantial increase last month when compared with the similar period for 1928, that being £900,145 in coal, the export of which, it was considered, might have been affected by the gales.

Articles wholly or mainly manufactured showed a reduction of £2,173,630, the principal contribution towards which was a fall in cotton yarns and manufactures of £1,121,230.

For the year both imports and British exports increased, though the former showed a much larger advance than the latter. The imports for the twelve months were valued at £1,221,591,062, an advance on the previous year of £25,992,649.

The principal variations were:—

INCREASES.	
Meat	£4,334,035
Non-dutiable food and drink	4,640,272
Wood and timber	3,270,071
Rubber	5,448,926
Non-ferrous metals and manufactures thereof	4,133,127
Machinery	2,400,096
Oils, fats, and resins, manufactured	5,614,244
DECREASES.	
Dutiable food and drink	£3,725,317
Raw cotton and cotton waste	3,481,170
Hides and skins undressed	5,620,530
Leather and manufactures thereof	3,680,726

Practically two-thirds of the increase in imports comes under the head of articles wholly or mainly manufactured, the amount being £16,566,023.

COAL TRADE ADVANCE.

British exports for last year reached a total of £729,554,967, which was £5,975,878 higher than the value for 1928.

The recovery of the coal trade is the outstanding feature. The quantity exported was 60,266,618 tons, which was 10,200,000 tons more than for the previous year. Last year's value was £48,616,813, an advance of £9,558,079.

While twelve of the industries exporting articles wholly or mainly manufactured showed increases, the state of the cotton and woollen trades resulted in such heavy reductions that there was a fall under this classification of £5,035,959.

The largest increases were:—

Non-ferrous metals and manufactures thereof	£1,912,982
Iron and steel, and manufactures thereof	1,230,621
Electrical goods and apparatus	1,548,155
Chemicals, drugs, dyes and colours	1,215,681
Vehicles, including locomotives, ships, and aircraft	2,991,143

The decreases included:—

Cotton yarns and manufactures	£9,853,207
Woollen and worsted yarns and manufactures	4,013,336
Manufactures of other textiles	2,596,605
Leather and manufactures thereof	1,463,146

With regard to re-exports, their value last month was £7,937,595, a reduction on December, 1928, of £1,141,723, while for the twelve months they reached a total of £109,741,759, which was a drop of £10,541,485 on the figures for the previous year.

"OBSOLETE PLANTS."

MR. TILLETT'S PLEA FOR BETTER EQUIPMENT.

Mr. Ben Tillett, M.P., speaking at Ipswich last night, expressed the workers' anxiety concerning bad trade and the need for financial outlay in the better equipment of industry.

Financiers and bankers, he said, had reached opulence—a sinister contrast to overburdened industry, which was suffering attrition not only through loss of trade, but the absence of efficient modern machinery. British industry had been poverty-stricken, and its reserves wantonly squandered, making it impossible for the captains of industry to establish up-to-date plant of an equal competitive value with that of France, which had had 28 per cent. increase in output, America 20 per cent., and Germany 10 per cent., against Britain's 1 per cent. only. Even in textiles this country was supplying our rivals, including Japan, India, China, and other centres with machinery that would save our own textile industries.

"Even the energetic measures of the Lord Privy Seal, Mr. J. H. Thomas, are inadequate to master the organic handicap of out-of-date machinery," said Mr. Tillett Every credit is due to him for his courageous efforts. But unless financial outlay is large enough to cope with the catastrophic state of trade, all his heroic endeavours will be futile.

"It is not merely tens of millions of pounds that are required to rehabilitate trade, but hundreds of millions as proven in the case of Germany, France, and America Obsolete plant spells ruin for the country's trade, but obsolescent intelligence becomes a curse to the country's well being. As workers, we want the most efficient of processes to be adopted. As workers, we want to save the country. As workers we are not satisfied to be on the 'bread-and-butter-line' always

"Our banking businesses make a poor display at the moment. Our pre-war gold reserve was 40 per cent To-day it is 8.1 per cent. Even the pre-war 40 per cent. was considered a low reserve of gold, and that was only workable because of the high percentage of issue."

No real success could be achieved, trade could not be placed on a permanent and stabilised basis, prices and costs could not be equably adjusted, economic units could not be determined until the whole complex factors of finance were tackled

FAMOUS BREEDER'S DEATH.

Lincolnshire has lost a famous breeder of Lincoln red cattle by the death of Mr. E. H. Cartwright, which occurred yesterday at the age of 69, at Legbourne, near Louth

Mr. Cartwright was widely known as a judge of stock He was associated with the Shire Horse Society, and was one of the founders of the Lincolnshire Red Shorthorn Society.

He was a keen sportsman, one of the best shots in the district, and an accepted authority on bird life.

A NEW MAID OR MANSERVANT?—The help you require may be found in the Situations Bureau columns of the SUNDAY TIMES, or obtainable by advertising for it. The rate is 1s. a line. See page 2

LABOUR TROUBLES IN SHEFFIELD.

TOO MANY RIVALS FOR CANDIDATURE.

CONSERVATIVES' CHOICE.

FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT.

SHEFFIELD, Saturday.

Mr. Hamer Russell, an ex-Liberal, has accepted the invitation to stand as Conservative condidate in the Brightside Division bye-election, rendered necessary by the elevation of Mr Ponsonby to the Peerage.

Mr. Russell, who unsuccessfully contested the Ecclesall Division of the city as a Liberal in 1923, resigned the chairmanship of the Sheffield Liberal Federation Executive fifteen months ago and joined the Conservative Party.

There is some speculation as to the choice of the Labour Party, as four persons have been mentioned, and lively discussions are likely to take place before the final selection is made.

By proposing Mr. John Paton the Sheffield branch of the I.L.P. has sought to make an issue between the claims of the trade union and the "Intellectual" wings of the movement.

It is asserted that Brightside is an I.L.P. seat, and that therefore Mr. Paton should be accepted by the Executive without question. To this claim the trade unions state that Brightside is an I.L.P. seat only because it was snatched from their grasp in 1922, when Mr. R. E. Jones, who contested the seat in 1918, was passed over in favour of Mr. Ponsonby.

The only definite Labour nominee put forward so far is Alderman Dobbie, of York, an ex-president of the N.U.R., but it may be regarded as certain that Alderman F. Marshall, of Sheffield, a wagon-builder, will be put forward by the National Union of General and Municipal Workers' Union.

Mr. Robert Dennison, of the Iron and Steel Trades Confederation, has declined to come into the running.

The Liberals are again putting forward Mr. W. A. Lambert, a Sheffield solicitor, who stood at the last General Election but was at the bottom of the poll.

STROUD CANDIDATES.

PARTIES PREPARE FOR NEXT ELECTION.

Following the adoption last week of Mr. W. R. D. Perkins as prospective Conservative candidate for the Stroud Division of Gloucestershire in place of the sitting member, Sir Frank Nelson, who has announced his intention not to seek re-election, it was decided, at a meeting of the Finance and General Purposes Committee of the Stroud Division Liberal Party, to invite Mr. A. W. Stanton, who was defeated at the last election, to become prospective candidate again in the event of a bye-election or at the next general election.

Mr. Stanton has unsuccessfully contested two elections in the Stroud Division and two in the adjoining City of Gloucester.

At a meeting of the Stroud Labour Party yesterday, Sir John Maynard was unanimously selected as prospective Labour candidate. Sir John was born in 1865 and educated at Merchant Taylors' School and St. John's College, Oxford. He retired from the Indian Civil Service in 1927.

The Conservative Association of Guildford yesterday selected the Hon. C. A. U. Rhys as prospective candidate to succeed Sir Henry Buckingham, who is retiring at the next Parliamentary election.

HYDE PARK BELLS.

THE ATTRACTION OF THE CARILLON.

Many Londoners who never dream of going to Hyde Park in the winter-time made their way there yesterday to listen to the beautiful music of the Wellington (New Zealand) War Memorial Carillon, which has been temporarily placed there through the initiative of the *Daily Sketch* and *Sunday Graphic*.

Times and programmes of to-day's recitals are as follow:—

12.15 to 12.40 p.m.—"Serenata" (Haydn), "Minuet" (Beethoven), "Jesu, Lover of My Soul," "Melody in F" (Rubinstein), "Largo" (Handel).

3.0 to 3.20 p.m.—"Come Sing with Holy Gladness," "Serenade" (Schubert), "Gavotte" (De Fesch), "Londonderry Air," "When Other Lips."

6.0 to 6.20 p.m.—"Ave Maria" (Schubert), "Love's Old Sweet Song," "Passing By" (Purcell), "Minuet and Trio" (Mozart), "Lead, Kindly Light."

Throughout the week daily recitals will be given at 12 noon, 3 and 6.40 p.m., programmes of which will be published in the *Daily Sketch*.

SPORTSMAN KILLED.

RUGBY PLAYER'S FATE IN CAR CRASH.

FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT

NOTTINGHAM, Saturday.

Much sympathy is expressed to-day with the family of Major T. P. Barber, of Eastwood, one of the leading colliery proprietors in the Midlands, whose elder son, Mr. Thomas Cecil Barber, was killed in a motoring accident last night.

Mr. Barber, who was a mining engineer, collided with a dray at Mutton Hill Lane, Annesley. His car was wrecked, and he died three hours later in Nottingham Hospital.

The dray was splintered to pieces, being almost cut in two. The driver and a boy who was with him were flung out, but escaped without serious injury. It is believed Mr. Barber was dazzled by the lights of another car.

Mr. Barber, who was only 27, was a well-known member of the Notts rugby fifteen and played last Saturday against Sheffield. He had also attained marked proficiency as a cricketer, and whilst at Eton played for his school against Harrow at Lord's.

He was married in 1922 at St. Peter's, Eaton Square, to Miss Joyce Hedley, daughter of Dr. and Mrs. E. Hedley, of Pont Street, London.

DIED UNDER ARREST.

TWO CASES REPORTED IN LONDON COURTS.

Two deaths after arrest—one in a police cell and the other at an infirmary—were reported in London police courts yesterday.

At Bow Street it was stated that a young woman named Elsie Vincent, who should have appeared to answer a charge of being drunk and disorderly, had died since she was taken into custody.

She was arrested after a quarrel in Leicester Square, and a few hours after arrival at Vine Street complained of illness. A doctor ordered her removal to the infirmary, where she died.

Charles Hoskings, 71, bootmaker, of Acorn Place, Peckham, who was taken into custody on Friday night on a charge of being drunk and incapable, died early yesterday in a cell at Peckham police station.

The man became ill shortly after three a.m., and died before the arrival of the divisional surgeon. Death is believed to be due to natural causes.

ALPINE SPORTS SEASON.

PROGRESS OF BRITISH SKIERS.

FORTHCOMING EVENTS

By A SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT.

The first part of the present Swiss winter season is now drawing to a close, with the departure of the boys and girls, shortly going back to school, and the return of the undergraduates to their several universities.

The more leisured devotees of winter sport are now expected to arrive. The present season may in some respects be regarded as successful, but it is to be regretted that many novices to ice and snow sport should not have seen the Alps at their very best.

The truth is that we have not been altogether fortunate this winter with regard to weather. The fierce westerly gales which were experienced in England last December seem to have made themselves felt all over Western Europe. The Alps suffered their full share of these visitations. Valleys where three feet of snow had fallen at the beginning of December last were by Christmas time reduced to a few inches of ice and crust.

MAKING THE BEST OF IT.

Time and again during the past two or three weeks a fine snowfall set in, but it never lasted very long, and often as soon as the snow was down and the ski-ing enthusiasts began rejoicing it would once more begin to blow and thaw, until many mountain sides were converted into glistening slopes that in consistence were little better than wedding-cake icing.

It was all most disappointing, but it is wonderful how the majority of British skiers have managed to make the best of things. In spite of wind, snow, or thaw they have persevered. Competitions, gymkhanas, and races have taken place as though conditions were as glorious as they can be in the high Alps.

Years ago the greater number of visitors would have hesitated to put on their skis at all, or at most would not have ventured beyond the practice slope. But all that has changed. The skier is learning to go on snow that is good, bad, or indifferent. What is more, many visitors are now ski-ing almost equally well on any sort of snow. This is a high compliment to British ski-ing as a whole.

As a rule, when the winter opens in the Alps in such a fickle manner, things have a knack of improving later on. It is to be hoped that this year will prove no exception to the usual trend of things.

SOME GOOD PERFORMANCES.

What has been said of snow conditions is equally true of skating, tobogganing, and bobsleigh racing. There has been frost and there has been some good skating. But circumstances cannot be said to have been altogether favourable to the skater.

Some good performances have been achieved on the Cresta Run at St. Moritz. Several resorts have held successful bobsleigh meetings, but the absence of sunshine on certain occasions has robbed a few of these events of their full brilliance.

At Christmas there was the Oxford and Cambridge ski meeting, which was won somewhat easily by Cambridge. There is no need to recapitulate the features of the meeting, but for the fact that it proved conclusively how far British ski-ing has improved in the last few years. Moreover, from a meeting consisting of one event it has grown into one of no less than four items.

Even more significant is the fact that one of these items was a jumping match. This meeting was followed by an Anglo-Swiss University match, held at Mürren on December 31. This match, consisting of two events, was won by the British team, both sides having won three out of the six meetings held up to date.

The chief performer in these events was undoubtedly Mr. Colin Wyatt, the Cambridge captain, who as a boy learnt to ski at Gstaad, where his father often wintered. From Gstaad he went to Mürren, there to acquire a magnificent technique.

THE PRINCIPAL MEETINGS.

The forthcoming sporting events promise to be both interesting and well contested. The principal meetings will be:—The SUNDAY TIMES Cup, which will be skied for at Wengen on January 19; the International Bobsleigh Championship, which takes place at Caux, above Montreux, on January 25 and 26; the Swiss Ski Championship Races, to be held at Engelberg on February 8 and 9.

In addition, there is the Jackson Cup for curling, which will be contested during the first days of February. This meeting promises to be particularly keenly fought out this year, as curling has been growing in popularity, while the possibility of obtaining some preliminary practice on artificial ice at home before coming out to Switzerland is unquestionably encouraging most teams to come forward.

One important innovation in these events this season is the international inter-university ski-ing meeting, which will be held at Davos towards the middle of February. The British team for this match, it is hoped, will consist of Mr. Colin Wyatt (the Cambridge captain), Mr. W. J. R. Riddell, and Mr. Guy Nixon. They deserve to go far.

PATIENT FOUND SHOT.

ENGLISHWOMAN'S DEATH AT NICE.

NICE, Saturday.

Residents in a large block of flats in the centre of the town were startled last midnight to hear a revolver shot on the staircase, and on searching they discovered a well-dressed middle-aged woman lying on the second-floor landing with a bullet wound in her head and a revolver lying by her side.

Police investigation showed that she did not live in the building, neither was she known to any resident. She died in hospital at ten o'clock this morning, and was identified later as Mrs. Winifred Ezequil (formerly Ellis), of British nationality. It is thought to be a case of suicide.

For some years Mrs. Ezequil had lived with her husband at Dinard. On January 2 (as reported at the time) she escaped from hospital, and the police have been searching for her with a view to examining her mental condition.—*Reuter*.

HOUSES AND LANDS.

ATTRACTIVE COUNTRY PROPERTIES.

On the outskirts of Totnes and overlooking the river Dart, with views stretching away to Dartmoor in the distance, is one of the most desirable residences in South Devon.

The house is fitted with all the latest conveniences, and it has a garage, ornamental and fruit gardens. The property is freehold. The agents are Messrs. Mudge and Baxter, 5, High Street, Totnes, S. Devon.

The same firm have on offer a small country estate of 13 acres at Winsland, seven miles from Paignton. The house is situated on an eminence 150 ft. above sea level, and is approached by a well-timbered drive. Possession is available on completion.

Messrs. Goddard and Smith, of 22, King Street, St. James's, S.W.1, offer, within easy reach of Reading, a picturesque Queen Anne residence. The house faces south, with good views, and it has three acres of grounds, together with tennis lawns and a garage. The property is freehold.

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PROSPECT OF LONGER LIFE.

CENTENARIAN CLUB'S NEW PLAN.

CO-ORDINATING RESEARCH

Dr. Maurice Ernest, the President of the Centenarian Club, is serious in thinking that, by the end of this century, the possibility of life to 120 or 140 years will be within reach of all.

His view, a SUNDAY TIMES representative gathered yesterday, is reinforced by his visits, from which he has just returned, to Rome, Berlin, Vienna, Paris, Cologne, Zurich, Berne, and other Continental cities. In these places he has seen the research work on rejuvenation at present in process.

These, he said, were of differing, even conflicting nature, but he believed that the basic idea was sound, that the problem will probably be solved on endocrine lines, through internal secretion glands being strengthened.

But progress was slow because uncoordinated. It was now the intention of the Centenarian Club, he declared, to act as a clearing-house for the disparate researches at the many centres, to collate information, and to subsidise fruitful experimental work. In that way, it might perform a valuable scientific function.

He added that its membership had increased to 3,000.

JUNIOR MASTERS.

BIG MUSTER FOR THE COUNCIL MEETING.

FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT.

HARROW, Saturday.

Junior masters are assembling here for the Junior Masters Council Meeting on Wednesday.

Representatives are being accommodated at the School Houses on the Hill from Stowe, Harrow, the King's School (Ely), Marlborough, Westminster, Wellington, Clifton, Canford, R.N. College (Dartmouth), Cranleigh, Framlingham, Eastbourne, the Leys, Malvern, Monmouth, King Edward's School (Birmingham), Bedford, Charterhouse, Sherborne, Sedbergh, Winchester, Blundell's, Rossall, Rugby, Felsted, Dulwich, Merchant Taylor's, Fettes, Radley, Mill Hill, Epsom, Gresham's School (Holt), Dover, Berkhamsted, Cheltenham, Whitgift, and others.

Among the speakers are Canon C. E. Raven, the Headmasters of Christ's Hospital and Rugby, Mr. J. E. Barton, Headmaster of Bristol Grammar School, Professor G Gordon, Sir Cyril Ashford, Canon E. S. Woods, and the concluding address is to be given by Dr. Cyril Norwood, Headmaster of Harrow, on Wednesday.

The fives courts and squash courts have been opened for the lighter side of the visit, and the school tuck is being utilised for the meals of the visitors.

ARCHBISHOP'S GAG.

BAN ON ACTIVITIES OF LIBERAL PRIEST.

FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT.

VIENNA, Saturday.

An unusual form of "episcopal gag" has been applied in Graz to Professor Ude, a doctor of philosophy and a politician, by Ferdiand Prince Archbishop of Seckau.

In consequence of Professor Ude's independent criticisms of the official Christian Social Party programme and activities, an edict has been sent him by the Archbishop of Seckau (whose seat is in Graz) forbidding him to speak in public.

"As your reverence," runs the document, "has, despite frequent warnings to moderation, given cause for complaint by your verbal and literary activities, the right to preach is withdrawn from you and every sort of political activity as well as any appearance at public meetings, is absolutely forbidden. Two copies of anything you may write for publication are to be laid before the Princely Episcopal Ordinaria for examination and approval. You are directed to acknowledge the receipt of this document."

The Democratic Press is indignant at this "gagging" of a liberal-minded priest by the higher clergy. Professor Ude, who opposed during the war the policy of the Central Powers, recently endeavoured to found a moderate "Economic Party," to which Catholics, as well as non-Catholics, could belong.

BOULOGNE LANDSLIDE.

RUIN OF 1900-YEAR-OLD BUILDING REVEALED.

FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT.

BOULOGNE, Saturday.

Some idea of the extent of the landslide here is furnished in the statement made by the architect who has been supervising the work of arresting the crumbling of the cliff.

Early accounts of the slide on December 21 appear to have been exaggerated. The cliff, composed mostly of sticky clay, had been giving way for some weeks under heavy rain falls. Its movement was slow, but on the last day of the year, when the rainfall was torrential, a mass weighing several hundred tons suddenly collapsed and threatened the buildings that run along the main coast road from the Casino to Wimereux.

It appears from the architect's statement that the hastily devised scheme to arrest the crumbling was successful in saving the buildings, but some alarm has been created during the last few days by several new falls of earth.

The last vestiges of Caligula power are apparently doomed. This prominent feature of the cliff, simply a mass of stone, is all that was left of a building of the first century. It became a lighthouse, but as such was destroyed in the seventeenth century. The base of the foundation was revealed by the last slide, about a week ago, and as a result of this week's continuous diminution of the supporting earth, the remains of the stonework of the ancient tower have become a menace to the buildings below.

It is proposed to destroy this dangerous projecting masonry immediately.

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THURSDAY.

Mr. Baldwin attends the dinner of the Walter Scott Club, Edinburgh.

Mr. T. M. Wilford, the new High Commissioner for New Zealand, is entertained at luncheon by the New Zealand Association, Earl Jellicoe presiding, Savoy Hotel.

Incorporated Sales Managers' Association of the United Kingdom: Dinner and address by Major Gwilliam Lloyd George, M.P., on "Education for Salesmanship," Mr. Francis W. Goodenough presiding, Hotel Victoria, 7.

FRIDAY.

Worshipful Company of Paviors: Dinner to meet the Lord Mayor and Sheriffs, Carpenters' Hall, 7.

Royal Drawing Society: Lord Mayor presides at annual general meeting, Guildhall Art Gallery, 4.30.

Miss Isbbel MacDonald launches the twin-screw steamer Prince Henry for the Canadian National Steamships, Birkenhead, 12.15 p.m.

SATURDAY.

Conference convened by the Oxford Preservation Trust to further the campaign for the preservation of the English countryside, Mr. H. A. L. Fisher presiding, University College, Oxford, 2.15.

Dr. Barnardo's Homes: Annual Festival, Royal Albert Hall, 2.30.

TO-DAY'S EVENTS.

THE CHURCHES.

St. Paul's Cathedral.—10.30: Rev. J. H. J. Ellison, Te Deum and Benedictus (Macpherson in E), Introit; 3.15: Archdeacon of London, Magnificat and Nunc Dimittis (Haynes in D), A., "Great Lord of lords" (Charles Wood); 7: the Rev. E. D. Arundell.

Westminster Abbey.—10.15: Rev. A. T. P. Williams, Te Deum and Benedictus (Martin Shaw in C); 3: Canon C. S. Woodward, Magnificat and Nunc Dimittis (Walmisley in D minor), A., "Te lucis ante terminum" (Balfour-Gardiner); 6.30: Rev. H. M. Relton.

Southwark Cathedral.—11: Canon G. H. Marten, H.C., (Ireland in C), Motet, "Ave verum Corpus" (Carissimi); 6.30: Canon F. A. Cockin, Magnificat and Nunc Dimittis (Ireland in F), A., "Hail, Gladdening Light" (Charles Wood).

Chapel Royal, St. James's.—11.15: Canon T. H. Masters.

Chapel of the Savoy.—11.15 and 6: Rev. H. B. Chapman.

Temple Church.—11: Te Deum and Jubilate (King in C), A., "O Lord! That Seest from Yon Starry Height" (Charles Wood); 3: Magnificat and Nunc Dimittis (Walmisley in D minor), A., "Almighty and Everlasting God" (Gibbons).

Lincoln's Inn Chapel.—11: Canon V. F. Storr, Te Deum (Bennett in B flat), A., "O Thou, the True and Only Light" (Mendelssohn), Kyrie and Nicene Creed (Schubert in F).

Gray's Inn Chapel.—11.15: Dr Matthews, Te Deum (Turle and Elvey), A., "When Jesus our Lord was born in Bethlehem" (Mendelssohn).

Tower of London, Royal Chapel of St. Peter ad Vincula.—11: Parade Service (no tickets required), Rev. C. C. Thacker, C.F.

All Hallows, Barking by the Tower.—11: Rev. H. C. Money; 6.30: Rev. S. Clapham.

All Saints, Ennismore Gardens.—11: Rev. F. G. Cruce; 6.30: Rev. B. R. V. Mills.

All Saints, Margaret Street.—11.15: Rev. K. O'Ferrall; 6: E. Carols.

Brompton Parish Church.—11 and 3.15 (Children): Prebendary Gough; 6.30: Rev. H. S. Sard.

Christ Church, Lancaster Gate (Empire Church).—11.15 and 3: Rev. R. Beresford Peirse; 6: Bishop Eden.

Christ Church, St. Marylebone (Cosway Street).—11: Rev. W. A. Potter; 6.30: Rev. E. J. Dent.

Christ Church, Victoria Street.—11: Rev. P. T. R. Kirk; 6.30: Rev. E. N. P. Goff.

Grosvenor Chapel, South Audley Street.—10.40: M.P. and Lit., Rev W. M. Whitley.

Holy Trinity, Paddington.—11: Bishop of Fulham; 6.30: Rev. J. M. Vallance.

St. Clement Danes, Strand.—11: M.P., A., "Arise, for Thy Light is Come" (Elvey), Rev. W. Kingston; 6.30: E., Rossini's Stabat Mater (full orchestra).

St. Ethelburga the Virgin, Bishopsgate, E.C.—11 and 6.30: Rev. Dr. Geikie-Cobb.

St. George's, Hanover Square.—11 and 6.30: Rev. A. V. Dixon.

St. James's, Piccadilly.—11: Ven. C. E. Lambert; 6.15: Rev. E. S. Smith.

St. John's, Regent's Park.—Rev. S. Coleman; 6.30: Musical Service.

St. Jude's-on-the-Hill, Hampstead Garden Suburb.—11.30: Rev. W. H. Braine; 6.30: Rev. B. G. Bourchier.

St. Margaret's, Westminster.—11: Canon H. B Boyd; 7: Rev. Eustace Jervis.

St. Mark's, North Audley Street.—11 and 6.30: Rev. E. Barnes.

St. Martin-in-the-Fields, Trafalgar Square.—8.15 and 10.15: H.C.; 11.30: M.P.; 11.50: Service for Young People (crypt); 3.30: People's Service; 6.15: L.; 8: Service to be broadcast.

St. Marylebone Parish Church.—11: Rev. Dr. Morrison, A. (Willan); 7: Handel's "Messiah."

St. Paul's, Knightsbridge.—11.15: Rev. Eric K. C. Hamilton; 3 (children): Rev. L. F. Williams; 6.30: Rev. R. C. White.

St. Paul's, Portman Square.—11 and 7: Dr. Stuart Holden.

St. Peter's, Eaton Square.—11.15 and 3 (children): Rev. A. Thompson; 6.30: Rev. L. W. Griffiths.

Westminster Cathedral.—10.30: H.M.; M., "Gia Fuchi" (Palestrina); 12: L.M., Rev. A. Knapp; 3.15: V., Mag., No. 2 (Miller), "O Sacrum Convivium" (Viadana); 7: Comp., "T.L." (Hamm), "N.D." (Tye), Rev. J. Geraerts.

St. George's Cathedral, Lambeth Road.—10.30: H.M.; 12: Rev. J. Corballis; 6.30: V., Rev. J. Farrell.

The Oratory.—10.45: High Mass (Stanford); 3.30: V.; 4.30: Carols.

Farm Street Church.—10.50: H.M.; 12: L.M., Rev. F. C. Devas; 3.30: Rev. C. E. Simpson.

St. Columba's (Church of Scotland), Pont Street.—11: Rev. I. R. Gillan; 6.30: Rev. Dr. A. Fleming.

St. John's Wood Presbyterian Church, Marlborough Place.—11: Rev. G. L. Brander (Highgate); 6.30: Rev. Dr. Alexander.

Central Hall, Westminster.—11 and 7: Rev. D. T. Young.

Kingsway Hall.—11 and 7: Rev. F. L. Wiseman; 3.30: Rev. W. H. Rainey.

City Temple, Holborn Viaduct.—11 and 7: Dr. Daniel A. Poling (New York).

Christ Church, Westminster Bridge Road.—11 and 7: Dr. Wm. C. Poole.

The King's Weigh House, Duke Street, W.—11 and 7: Rev. W. E. Orchard.

Brixton Independent Church, Brixton Road.—11 and 6.45: Rev. F. Wheeler (Moderator).

Spiritualist Community, Grotrian Hall, 115, Wigmore Street, W.—11: Rev. Drayton Thomas; 6.30: Mrs. St. Clair Stobart, Clairvoyant: Mrs. Annie Johnson.

Marylebone Presbyterian Church.—11 and 7: Rev. J. Golder Burns, B.D.

Theistic Church, Æolian Hall, 135, New Bond Street.—11: Rev. J. Tyssul Davis. Subject: "Didn't the Lord deliver Daniel, then why not me?"

Liberal Jewish Synagogue, St. John's Wood Road.—11.30: Professor Gilbert Murray: "The Progressive Elimination of War."

MEETINGS, MUSIC, ETC.

Guildhouse, Eccleston Square.—3.30: Music; Lecture, Professor P. Dearmer, D.D., on "Italian Art"; 6.30: Miss Maude Royden.

THE WEEK'S DIARY.

TO-MORROW.

Hilary Law Sittings begin.

Plow Monday.

Authors' Club: Dinner and address by Sir Henry Segrave on "The Lure of Speed," Mr. Horace Annesley Vachell presiding, 7.

National Art Collections Fund: Lecture by Mr. Roger Fry on "The Italian Tradition in Art," Queen's Hall, 8.

Incorporated Guild of Church Musicians: Dean of St. Paul's guest at annual banquet, Holborn Restaurant, 7.

Royal Geographical Society: Dr. T. F. Chipp on "Forests and Plants of the Anglo-Egyptian Sudan," Æolian Hall, 8.30.

Association of Lancastrians in London: Conversazione, Wharncliffe Rooms, 7.30.

Protest meeting against Religious Persecution in Russia, Kingsway Hall, 7.30.

TUESDAY.

City of London Tradesmen's Club: Annual banquet, Lord Mayor and Sheriffs' guests, Hotel Victoria, 7.

Imperial Industries' Club: Sir George Wyatt Truscott presides at New Year's dinner, May Fair Hotel, 7.30.

Cookery and Food Exhibition, Olympia (until January 25).

Sir David Milne-Watson entertains at luncheon members of the Central Executive Board of the National Gas Council, Savoy Hotel, 1.

British Institute of Philosophical Studies: Principal L. P. Jacks on "The Philosophy of Adult Education," Viscount Grey of Fallodon presiding, Royal Society of Arts, 8.15.

London County Council and Public Authorities' conference on London Subways and Underground services, County Hall, 2.30.

Institute of the Motor Trade: Sir Charles Higham on "Advertising by the Retailer," Holborn Restaurant, 8.15.

Lord Mayor entertains at luncheon the Council of the Federation of Master Printers and Allied Trades of Great Britain and Ireland, Mansion House, 1.30.

WEDNESDAY.

Duke of Gloucester presides at dinner in aid of the Endowment Fund of the Worcester College for the Blind, Clothworkers' Hall, 8.

Viscount Bridgeman addresses Navy League meeting, at which the Marquis of Linlithgow will preside, Chelsea Town Hall, 3.

London Master Printers' Association: Luncheon to meet Mr. F. W. Goodenough, Holborn Restaurant, 1.15.

City Livery Club entertain at luncheon Alderman Sir George Wyatt Truscott, Carpenters' Hall.

Dr. P. Munch, Danish Minister for Foreign Affairs, guest at dinner of the Anglo-Danish Society, Viscount Cecil of Chelwood presiding, Hyde Park Hotel, 8.15.

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MANY SURPRISES IN THE CUP TIES.

GREAT FEATS BY WREXHAM, YORK, SWINDON AND CARDIFF.

LEEDS SCORE EIGHT.

F.A. CUP—THIRD ROUND.

Arsenal	2	Chelsea	0
Aston Villa	5	Reading	1
Barnsley	0	Bradford	1
Blackburn Rovers	4	Northampton Town	1
Blackpool	2	Stockport County	1
Bradford City	4	Southampton	1
Brighton and Hove A	1	Grimsby Town	1
Birmingham	1	Bolton Wanderers	0
Bury	0	Huddersfield Town	0
Carlisle United	2	Everton	4
Charlton Athletic	1	Queen's Park Rangers	1
Chesterfield	1	Middlesbrough	1
Clapton Orient	1	Bristol Rovers	0
Corinthians	2	Millwall	2
Coventry City	1	Sunderland	2
Derby County	5	Bristol City	1
*Doncaster Rovers	2	Stoke City	3
Fulham	1	Bournemouth and Boscombe A.	1
Leeds United	8	Crystal Palace	1
Liverpool	1	Cardiff City	2
Manchester United	0	Swindon Town	2
Newcastle United	1	York City	1
Oldham Athletic	1	Wolverhampton Wanderers	0
Plymouth Argyle	3	Hull City	4
Portsmouth	2	Preston North End	0
Rotherham United	0	Notts Forest	5
Sheffield Wednesday	1	Burnley	0
Sheffield United	2	Leicester City	1
Tottenham Hotspur	2	Manchester City	2
Walsall	2	Swansea Town	0
West Ham United	4	Notts County	0
Wrexham	1	West Bromwich Albion	0

* Abandoned after 75 minutes play.

The third round F.A. Cup-ties, which may fairly be said to be the first round proper in the big tournament of the Association year, yielded a few more surprises yesterday than most people expected.

Once again the luck of playing at home was exemplified. One match (at Doncaster) was abandoned owing to the heavy weather, which was general all over the country, but sixteen home teams won as against seven successes for visitors. The remaining eight matches were drawn.

And once again the balance of victory lay with the North. If Birmingham be excluded from the South and all drawn games ignored, the day's play left the North with eighteen certain entrants for the next round. The South can claim but five.

To the South, however, goes the honour of the surprises. Cardiff City won 2—1 at Liverpool, and Swindon conquered by two clear goals on Manchester United's ground.

Other surprises lay in the clean-cut victory of the remodelled Arsenal over Chelsea—the majority of judges had anticipated a draw; the terrific beating which Leeds United administered to such doughty Cup fighters as Crystal Palace—the score was 8—1; Hull City's 4—3 at Plymouth; the 4—0 margin by which West Ham disposed of Notts County; lowly Grimsby's draw at Brighton; York City's draw (1—1) at Newcastle; and Wrexham's victory (1—0) over West Bromwich Albion.

Sheffield Wednesday, the best side in the country at the moment, just beat Burnley (1—0), but the erratic Spurs held Manchester City to a two-goal draw.

There were big margin wins for Aston Villa, Derby County, and Notts Forest.

The Corinthians twice lost the lead to Millwall, their visitors, but they pulled up each time, the last goal coming in the fast fleeting moments of a game which demonstrated that the amateurs can last out a fatiguing match.

THE F.A. CUP TIES.

The Cup holders, Bolton Wanderers, struggled gamely at Birmingham, but a goal, headed by Morrall late in the first half, proved too much for them.

A great defensive display by Davies at centre-half, and fine goalkeeping by Farmery, were the chief factors in York City's surprise draw at Newcastle. Gallacher headed Newcastle's goal, and Gardner equalised.

Wrexham fully deserved their home victory over West Bromwich Albion. Though Longmuir, their outside-right, was carried off injured in the second half, and James, their right-back, was crippled during this period, they were the better of the two sides, playing fast and clever football. Mays scored the goal that won the match in the thirtieth minute.

Manchester United were fairly and squarely beaten by their Third Division invaders. It was a hard-fought game, with Swindon, for whom Eddleston and Roberts scored, the better side.

The Coventry City forwards allowed over-anxiety to interfere with their marksmanship. This was one reason—perhaps the main reason—why Sunderland won at Coventry.

Derby County were much too good for Bristol City at Derby, and little was seen of the City forwards in the second half. Stephenson (2), Barclay (2), and Bedford were Derby's scorers. Williams headed through for Bristol.

It was Read's splendid goalkeeping that enabled Grimsby Town to survive at Brighton. There were times when he appeared unbeatable. One of his feats was the saving of a penalty-kick, driven in hard by Wilkinson. Prior scored Grimsby's goal, which Dutton, limping from the effects of a collision, equalised.

Tottenham Hotspur began their scoring after Ridley, Manchester City's right-back, had left the field injured. The visitors led at the interval by a goal by Toseland. Osborne equalised, and then Cook gave them the lead, but Cowan equalised five minutes from the end.

Fulham led at the interval by a goal scored by Price, and Eyre put Bournemouth level.

Arsenal conquered Chelsea at Highbury. Dashing forward play in bad conditions won them the match. Chelsea started strongly, but failed to maintain their early promise. Lambert, who took Halliday's usual place at centre-forward, scored the Arsenal's first goal after twenty-seven minutes. In the second half Bastin scored again.

EIGHT GOALS FOR LEEDS.

Crystal Palace were overwhelmed at Elland Road, where Leeds United enjoyed themselves piling up goals. Wainscoat scored four, Jennings two, and White one. Charlton, the Palace back deflected another of White's shots through his own goal. Simpson was responsible for Crystal Palace's consolation goal.

Dent scored four of Nottingham Forest's five goals at Rotherham.

Notts County experienced nine fatal minutes at West Ham. They were the better side for the first half hour. Then West Ham crowded three of their four goals into nine minutes—and Notts County never really recovered from this quick succession of blows. Watson (2), Barrett, and Gibbins scored.

Reading were not good enough at Villa Park, and Aston Villa had a fairly comfortable journey into the Fourth Round. Houghton (2), Brown, and Walker (penalty) scored the Villa's goals. Douglas obtained a goal for Reading.

When the second half of the Sheffield Wednesday-Burnley match at Sheffield was seventeen minutes old, McCluggage, the Burnley back, missed a centre by Hooper, and Allen dashed up and scored for the Wednesday. That miss by McCluggage, the one mistake of a splendid display, lost Burnley the tie.

Walsall should have beaten Swansea Town at Walsall by a larger margin than 2—0. They were much the better side, but their marksmanship was poor. Eyres and Walters scored the goals.

Cunliffe, Imrie (penalty), McLean, and Bruton scored the goals at Blackburn which ended Northampton's Cup dreams. Wells obtained one for Northampton, who played better than the score suggests.

Southampton were well beaten by Bradford City at Valley Parade. Yet they had won there by 5—2 in the League earlier in the season! Cochrane (2), Moore and Cairns scored Bradford City's goals. Rowley obtained one for Southampton.

CARDIFF'S TRIUMPH.

Cardiff City's superiority at half-back won them their creditable victory at Liverpool. Liverpool scored first through McPherson, but Len Davies got through twice for the City.

It was a very different Leicester City side who battled against Sheffield United in a snowstorm at Bramall Lane, from the side who were beaten by 7—1 in a League match on the same ground the previous Saturday. True, the United also won the Cup-tie, but they had to fight every inch of the way. Gibson ((S.) and Dunne obtained Sheffield United's goals. Hine scored for Leicester City.

Hull scored in the first minute at Plymouth through Alexander, and the same forward got a second before Black and Vidler made matters level. Duncan and Howieson once more put Hull well in front. Leslie got the Argyle's third, and, although they were without Titmus for the last hour, they nearly drew.

Goodier, a minute from time, scored the only goal for Oldham against Wolverhampton.

Lennox first scored for Charlton, but Goddard made the game a draw. The Rangers were the better side.

Taylor kicked a good goal for Chesterfield, a penalty kick to Bruce giving Middlesbrough a draw.

Two penalties provided the excitement at the Orient v. Bristol Rovers' match. Lyon converted for the Orient, but Wood saved a similar shot at the other end taken by Dix. Orient just scrambled home.

Portsmouth played solid football, Smith and Forward scoring for them without a Preston reply.

THE LEAGUE.—DIVISION III. (Southern).

Gillingham	1	Watford	2
Norwich City	2	Torquay United	0
Southend United	2	Brentford	0

Match postponed: Newport County v. Merthyr Town.

	P.	W.	D.	L.	Goals For	Goals Agst.	Pts.
Plymouth Argyle	22	14	6	2	54	21	34
Brentford	23	15	3	5	50	24	33
Northampton T.	22	14	3	5	36	19	31
Bri'ht'n & Hove A.	22	13	4	5	48	29	30
Bournemo'th & B.A.	20	10	7	3	42	23	27
Southend Utd.	22	9	8	5	36	31	26
Crystal Palace	25	10	6	9	48	52	26
Coventry City	21	11	3	7	49	34	25
Norwich City	23	10	5	8	47	43	25
Fulham	23	10	5	8	46	45	25
Qn.'s Pk. Rangers	21	7	8	6	30	34	22
Swindon Town	25	7	7	11	41	46	21
Exeter City	22	7	5	10	39	38	19
Walsall	23	7	5	11	40	46	19
Torquay United	24	6	6	12	38	49	18
Luton Town	22	6	6	10	34	48	18
Clapton Orient	22	4	10	8	17	29	18
Watford	23	6	5	12	28	40	17
Bristol Rovers	21	6	4	11	41	47	16
Newport Co.	22	6	4	12	38	45	16
Gillingham	24	6	4	14	24	48	16
Merthyr Town	20	2	6	12	20	55	10

SCOTTISH LEAGUE.

DIVISION I.

Aberdeen	3	Airdrieonians	1
Dundee United	0	Dundee	1
Hibernians	1	Ayr United	0
Kilmarnock	1	Queen's Park	5
Motherwell	2	Clyde	1
Partick Thistle	4	Morton	1
St. Johnstone	1	Cowdenbeath	1
St. Mirren	6	Hearts	2

Matches postponed: Celtic v. Hamilton Acads., Falkirk v. Rangers.

	P.	W.	D.	L.	Goals For	Goals Agst.	Pts.
Glasgow Rangers	23	18	3	2	60	19	39
Aberdeen	26	17	5	4	63	38	39
Motherwell	25	16	3	6	59	36	35
Partick Thistle	25	13	4	8	59	41	30
Kilmarnock	25	11	7	7	46	42	29
St. Mirren	25	13	2	10	52	37	28
Celtic	23	12	3	8	51	31	27
Hearts	25	9	8	8	50	48	26
Ayr United	25	12	2	11	48	59	26
Queen's Park	26	10	3	13	46	48	23
Falkirk	24	9	5	10	44	51	23
Cowdenbeath	24	8	6	10	37	39	22
Dundee	26	9	4	13	29	39	22
Hamilton Acads.	24	8	5	11	50	54	21
Greenock Morton	25	8	5	12	48	59	21
Clyde	25	7	7	11	43	53	21
Airdrieonians	24	8	2	14	32	40	18
Hibernians	25	5	7	13	27	44	17
St. Johnstone	26	4	7	15	29	59	15
Dundee Un.	25	5	4	16	35	71	14

SCOTTISH CUP.

FIRST ROUND REPLAY.

Murrayfield Amateurs 2 Burnt. I. Ship. Amat. 2

THE LEAGUE.—DIV. III. (Northern).

Halifax Town	0	Barrow	1
Hartlepools Utd.	1	New Brighton	1
Rochdale	2	Southport	2
South Shields	1	Crewe Alex.	0
Tranmere Rovers	3	Wigan Boro'	0

	P.	W.	D.	L.	Goals For	Goals Agst.	Pts.
Port Vale	23	16	4	3	57	24	36
Stockport Co.	21	14	4	3	53	23	32
Darlington	24	12	3	9	57	44	27
Crewe Alexandra	23	11	4	8	48	33	26
Accrington Stanley	22	11	4	7	53	37	26
Carlisle United	22	11	3	8	56	53	25
Southport	24	7	10	7	46	39	24
South Shields	24	9	6	9	39	48	24
York City	22	5	13	4	33	29	23
Hartlepools Utd.	22	7	9	6	40	37	23
Nelson	22	9	5	8	32	40	23
Lincoln City	22	5	12	5	32	29	22
Chesterfield	22	9	4	9	37	37	22
Tranmere Rovers	23	8	5	10	43	44	21
Rochdale	21	8	5	8	45	48	21
Wigan Boro'	24	8	5	11	40	45	21
Wrexham	23	7	6	10	32	41	20
Doncaster Rovers	22	8	3	11	33	40	19
Halifax Town	25	5	7	13	28	39	17
New Brighton	24	7	3	14	31	57	17
Rotherham Utd.	22	5	6	11	31	49	16
Barrow	23	6	3	14	23	53	15

CENTRAL LEAGUE.

Bolton Wands. Res.	0	Derby Co. Res.	1
Manchester C. Res.	6	Sheffield Wed. Res.	2
Stockport Co. Res.	4	Bury Res.	1
Blackburn R. Res.	3	Stoke City Res.	1

MIDLAND LEAGUE.

Loughborough C.	2	Shirebrook	2
Scarborough	7	Worksop Tn.	1
Wombwell	2	Doncaster R. Res.	1
Notts Co. Res.	7	Mexborough A	1
Scunthorpe Utd.	3	Chesterfield Res	0
Mansfield Tn.	7	Wath Athletic	0
Grantham	3	Rotherham Utd. Res.	1
Denaby Utd.	2	Lincoln City Res.	5
Frickley Colliery	3	Newark Tn.	2
Gainsborough T.	2	Notts F. Res.	2
Bradford Res.	6	Boston	1
Lincoln C. Res.	5	Hull City Res.	0

SOUTHERN LEAGUE.

EASTERN SECTION.

Millwall Res.	3	Sheppey Utd.	2
*Aldershot Tn.	0	Southampton Res.	2
Folkestone	4	Dartford	1
Grays Thurrock U.	2	Norwich City Res.	2
*Guildford City	2	Northampton T. Res.	1
Sittingbourne	2	Northfleet Utd.	0

* Abandoned in second half.

WESTERN SECTION.

Llanelly	1	Swindon Tn. Res.	1
Torquay Utd.	2	Barry	2

Matches postponed: Thames v. Bournemouth and B. Res. Merthyr Town Res. v. Ebbw Vale, Bristol Rovers Res. v. Yeovil and Petters Utd.

LONDON COMBINATION.

Brentford Res.	7	West Ham Res.	0
Reading Res.	0	Crystal Palace Res.	2

CORINTH SNATCH A DRAW.

MILLWALL TWICE LOSE THE LEAD.

POOR SHOOTING.

By C. R. C. NIXON.

Corinth just failed to beat Millwall—as closely as the score of 2—2 indicates.

It was a match lacking in finer touches from the amateurs' point of view. A crowd which probably numbered 40,000 at the Crystal Palace, had many spells of excitement, but the good shots were entirely absent. Claude Ashton was by no means happy near goal, although he persevered to level the game with a goal on time when heavy snow fell, and the stubbornness of the Millwall defenders, ably led by Gomm, turned the balance sufficiently to save the game for the professionals.

The replay is a very open question. If the Corinthians can only serve up their usual game (which implies real shooting), Millwall will not pass into the next round without a stern struggle.

In the first minute the Corinthians, who won the toss, conceded a corner, Howard Baker miskicking a pass back. Corkindale, after the flag-kick had been safely negotiated by the defence, dropped a ball on to the roof of the net, and after that the amateurs paid their first visit to the Millwall goal. Robins and Creek did some neat passing until Gomm came across to the left wing to stop Hegan, who throughout the match was a very dangerous forward.

Passing Overdone.

Baker caught and cleared a high lob by Cock, who took an awkward ball skilfully, and then the Corinthians' goal had a great escape when Phillips failed to gather a cross from Corkindale. Whewell was fortunate to have the chance to get to a ball which Phillips should have gathered in his stride near goal, but for impetuosity.

Too much passing near goal cost the amateurs something, too. Robins, from half-way, made off to end with a centre that gave four of his colleagues the chance to display pretty footwork of the type which was easily crowded out by the robust Millwall defenders. A shot would have paid.

Chadder put an end to a bit of fast travelling by Poxton and Forsyth, and back went Corinth with Hegan in excelsis. Tyler had to give a corner to baulk Doggart from a shot at close range, and this Hegan placed beautifully.

Gomm's height relieved the situation, and the next moment Millwall scored.

Corkindale was the man who practically did the work. He beat three men and ran almost to the post before pushing the ball inside to Forsyth, who easily volleyed home a shot which Baker had no chance to reach.

Hegan, Doggart, and Ewer had a hand in a movement which gave Creek a good view of the goal. Creek shot hard and low for the corner, but Lansdale just managed to stop the ball, and Tyler fell back quickly enough to concede a corner.

The light became very poor and rain fell heavily. The Millwall goal had escapes from shots by Chadder and Doggart, and Lansdale did his side another big service when he got both fists to yet another excellent corner kick by Hegan.

Although they changed ends still the one goal down, for some time Corinth held the balance of play. Doggart, in particular, was a stalwart, and eventually following a splendid run by Hegan, Robins got the ball into the net for a goal which was engineered in typical Corinthian style. From the moment Creek, on the Millwall side of the halfway line, gave Hegan the pass which sent him off on his fruitful journey, it looked a goal.

Injured Man's Goal.

Hegan beat two men cleanly before centring for Robins to equalise. As the ball was entering the net, a Millwall defender tried to fist it out, but, fortunately for the amateurs, the shot took effect.

Phillips had to go off for attention to a leg, and in his absence the Corinthians' goal nearly surrendered. Baker made a slip with a long shot, and a corner which followed led to Paxton almost turning the ball through.

But Phillips came limping back to regain the lead for Millwall. Corkindale broke away, and when the ball came to Phillips the latter drove for the far corner of the goal. The ball appeared to pass between Baker's arms. It was by no means an unstoppable shot, although it is probable that Baker was unsighted.

Both goalkeepers made good saves subsequently, but too much of the shooting was from long range.

But Millwall failed to last. Thrust after thrust by the Corinthians told on the defence, and, with only two minutes' to go, Ashton equalised. Teams:—

CORINTHIANS.—B. Howard Baker; A. G. Bower and J. G. Knight; A. H. Chadder, W. T. Whewell and F. H. Ewer; R. W. V. Robins; F. N. S. Creek, C. T. Ashton, A. G. Doggart, and K E. Hegan.

MILLWALL.—Lansdale; Tyler and Pipe; Martin, Gomm and Graham; Corkindale, Phillips, Cock, Forsyth and Paxton.

F.A. CUP FIGURES.

The following were the receipts and attendance figures for the games in the Third Round of the F.A. Cup:—

	Gate Receipts. £	Attendance.
Arsenal v. Chelsea	4,088	55,579
Brighton and H.A. v. Grimsby Town	1,588	21,563
Blackburn Rovers v. Northampton Town	1,710	26,000
Bradford City v. Southampton	1,507	22,115
Blackpool v. Stockport County	1,250	14,000
Barnsley v. Bradford	1,271	19,700
Charlton Athletic v. Queen's Park Rangers	1,220	22,300
Chesterfield v. Middlesbrough	1,026	16,656
Corinthians v. Millwall	3,700	45,000
Coventry City v. Sunderland	1,854	31,673
Clapton Orient v. Bristol Rovers	770	13,538
Carlisle United v. Everton	1,044	15,700
Derby County v. Bristol City	1,790	21,559
Doncaster Rovers v. Stoke City	666	13,224
Fulham v. Bournemouth and B.A.	1,440	21,806
Leeds United v. Crystal Palace	2,000	31,418
Manchester United v. Swindon Town	2,075	33,226
Oldham Athletic v. Wolverhampton Wanderers	1,949	32,335
Portsmouth v. Preston North End	2,210	28,852
Plymouth Argyle v. Hull City	2,088	28,923
Rotherham United v. Nottingham Forest	869	15,620
Sheffield United v. Leicester City	2,204	31,476
Tottenham Hotspur v. Manchester City	2,400	37,000
Wrexham v. West Bromwich Albion	1,000	16,600
West Ham United v. Notts County	1,966	28,384
Walsall v Swansea Town	706	12,715
Aston Villa v. Reading	2,593	39,000
Birmingham v. Bolton Wanderers	2,297	36,011
Bury v. Huddersfield Town	1,837	25,085
*Liverpool v. Cardiff City		50,141
Newcastle United v. York City	2,440	38,674
Sheffield Wednesday v. Burnley	2,171	31,794

* Receipts not obtainable.

F.A. CUP REPLAYS.

The drawn matches in the Third Round of the F.A. Cup will be replayed as follow:—

TUESDAY.

Brighton and Hove A. v. Grimsby Town.

WEDNESDAY.

Corinthians v. Millwall.
Tottenham Hotspur v. Manchester City.
Newcastle United v. York City.
Fulham v. Bournemouth and Boscombe A.
Bury v. Huddersfield Town.

THURSDAY.

Charlton Athletic v. Queen's Park Rangers.

The abandoned match between Doncaster Rovers and Stoke City will be played on Thursday.

BILLIARDS.

RESULTS.

LINDRUM	19,781
W. LEIGH (rec. 7,000)	10,080

CLOSING SCORES.

SMITH	11,643
McCONACHY	10,920
NEWMAN	11,793
FALKNER (rec. 1,500)	10,081

AMATEUR CHAMPIONSHIP.

At Thurston's H. W. Bond beat C. H. Harrison by 1,000 points to 695 in their heat in the London Section of the Amateur Billiards Championship.

Bond, by scoring 114 and 101, is the first player in this section to make two century breaks in one session.

BADMINTON.

F. Hodge and D. C. Hume beat H. S. Uber and R. M. White by 14—11, 15—9, in the final of the Men's Doubles at the West Sussex Badminton Championships at Worthing.

Uber and Mrs. H. S. Uber won the final of the Mixed Doubles by beating A. K. Jones and Mrs. R. J. Horsley by 15—8, 15—6.

F. W. Percival won the Men's Singles on Friday, when Mrs. Uber and Mrs. Horsley were successful in the Women's Doubles.

INTERNATIONAL SKI RELAY RACE.

DAVOS PLATZ, Saturday.

The Davis international ski relay race, over a course of 30 kilometres (18⅝ miles), was won by Germany in 2 hr. 52 min. England finished sixth.—*Central News.*

Amateur Football.

BARKING SURPRISED.

WIMBLEDON OVERWHELM DULWICH HAMLET.

One of the surprises of the First Round of the London Senior Cup was BARKING TOWN'S home defeat by HAYES. In everything but the scoring of goals Barking were the better team. Kershaw obtained both goals for Hayes; Humphreys scored for Barking. LONDON CALEDONIANS, runners-up last season, lost heavily at LEYTON. Hall (2), Judd, Keene, and Hawkings obtained goals for Leyton against them. Sloan scored for the Caledonians. NUNHEAD and WALTHAMSTOW AVENUE will have to meet again at Walthamstow. Bazin and Spencer (penalty) scored for Nunhead; Head and Gordon (penalty) for Walthamstow Avenue.

Much stronger forward, WIMBLEDON overwhelmed DULWICH HAMLET at Wimbledon, Brown (3), Dowden, and Gregory scoring. Copas obtained the Hamlet's solitary goal. Without McCarthy, Baldwin, and F. G. Russell KINGSTONIAN lost at ILFORD. Craymer and Welsh scored for Ilford, Macey for Kingstonian. Broderick gave a splendid display in the Kingstonian goal. TUFNELL PARK and CLAPTON played in snow and sleet at Tufnell Park, and the conditions were so bad that the game was abandoned five minutes before time. Neither side had scored.

A.F.A. SENIOR CUP.

FIRST ROUND.—REPLAY

Eastbourne	4	Bank of England	2

SECOND ROUND.

Old Westminsters	1	Old Owens	2
Aquarius	3	Leicester Nomads	2
Alleyn Old Boys	1	Lloyds Bank	3
Cambridge Town	8	East Grinstead	0
Barclays Bank	5	Old Reptonians	3

Abandoned seven minutes from time.

Woodthorpe (Notts).	0	Ealing Association	4
Civil Service	0	Crouch End Vamps.	0

Abandoned ten minutes after half-time.

Hitchin Town	5	Savings Bank	1
Norsemen	5	Ibis	1
Carshalton	1	H.M.S. Excellent	4
Moor Green	0	Midland Bank	4
Derbyshire Amateurs	2	St. Michaels (Leigh-on-Sea)	1
Alexandra Park	1	Merton	2
Ipswich Town	8	London Welsh	2
Old Malvernians	6	Britannic House	2

ATHENIAN LEAGUE.

*Finchley	2	Wealdstone	4
Enfield	1	Uxbridge Town	2
Redhill	1	Hampstead	2
†Southall	2	Barnet	2

* Abandoned 15 minutes from time.
† Abandoned.

RESERVES SECTION.

*Uxbridge Town	0	Enfield	2
Hampstead	7	Redhill	1
Cheshunt	1	Leyton	4
Wealdstone	12	Bromley	1
Barnet	1	Barking Town	1

* Abandoned.

A.F.A. MINOR CUP.

Ibis A	1	Westminster Bk. III.	5

CIVIL SERVICE LEAGUE.

DIVISION I.

Agricola	0	Board of Trade	3

(Abandoned at half-time.)

DIVISION II.

Royal Mint	2	Ministry of Health C	0

ISTHMIAN LEAGUE.

Woking	4	St. Albans City	0

KENT LEAGUE.

Bexley Heath	2	Tunbridge Wells	2
Sheppey	4	R.N. Depot	1
Maidstone	2	Sittingbourne	0
Tilbury	3	Gillingham	3
R. Marines	1	Chatham	3
Canterbury Waverley	2	Dover Un.	1
Dartford	8	Folkestone	0

KENT AMATEUR LEAGUE.

Tillings	4	Woolwich Borough	1

LONDON SENIOR CUP.

Haywards Sports	0	Metropolitan Police	3
Bromley	4	Leytonstone	2
Leyton	5	London Caledonians	1
*Tufnell Park	0	Clapton	0
Wimbledon	5	Dulwich Hamlet	1
Ilford	2	Kingstonian	1
Nunhead	2	Walthamstow Ave.	2
Barking Town	1	Hayes	2

* Abandoned.

LONDON LEAGUE.

PREMIER DIVISION.

Beckenham	11	Carshalton Athletic	1
Dagenham Town	1	Grays Athletic	0
*Erith and Belvedere	1	Chelmsford	1
Mitcham Wanderers	4	Bostall Heath	0
*Walthamstow Gr'nge	4	Epsom Town	0
Whyteleafe Albion	2	Romford	5

SECOND DIVISION.

*Epsom Town	1	Standard Telephones	2
Leavesden M.H.	1	U.G.B.M. Sports	1
*Tate Institute	0	Brentwood M.H.	0
*Park Royal	0	Woolwich Poly.	0
*Romford	4	Erith and Belvedere	2

* Abandoned.

NEMEAN LEAGUE.

Siemens	5	U.S.A.C.	2
Old Actonians	6	St. Albans (Fulham)	1

SPARTAN LEAGUE.

PREMIER DIVISION.

Aylesbury Un.	5	G.E. (Romford)	2
Brentwood and Warley	1	Wood Green (Abandoned.)	0
Maidenhead Un.	0	Egham (Abandoned.)	1
Slough	0	Chesham Un. (Abandoned.)	1
Staines Town	2	Lyons Club (Abandoned.)	5

FIRST DIVISION.

Apsley	0	Berkhamsted Town (Abandoned.)	1
Cowley	2	Leagrave and District	2
Leighton Un.	4	Watford Old Boys	0
Polytechnic	1	Hertford Town	3
R.A.F. (Uxbridge)	1	Windsor and Eton (Abandoned.)	11

SECOND DIVISION.—EASTERN SECTION.

Bishops Stortford	0	Letchworth Town	5
Lyons Club Res.	0	Lea Bridge Gas (Abandoned.)	2
Polytechnic Res.	5	Ministry of Health	1
Ware	2	Welwyn Garden City	4

SECOND DIVISION.—WESTERN SECTION.

Berkhamsted Tn. Res.	2	Maidenhead Un. Res. (Abandoned.)	1
Marlow	6	Farnham Un.	0
Willesden Polytechnic	8	G.W.R. (Abandoned.)	0

SOUTHERN AMATEUR LEAGUE.

†Kew Association	6	Westminster Bank	2
Cuaco	0	Highgate	2
Alleyn Old Boys Res.	4	Britannic House Res.	2
*Eastbourne Res.	1	Civil Service Res.	5
Hastings and St. Leonards	6	Old Lyonians	3
*Ibis Res.	1	Highgate Res.	2
Westminster Bk. Res.	9	Alex. Park Res.	2
Motor Union Res.	0	Crouch End Vampires Res.	2

* Abandoned.
†Abandoned at half-time.

CLUB MATCHES.

Old Aldenhamians	4	Old Bradfieldians	2
Carshalton A	3	Old Cholmelians A	0
Ibis B	5	Birkbeck Coll. Res.	0
Lloyds Bank Res.	1	Norsemen Res.	7
Westminster Bk. IV.	4	Old Owens Res.	0
*N.P. Bank	1	Winchmore Hill	3
Lancing Old Boys	5	Guy's Hospital	2

* Abandoned.

RIVIERA LAWN TENNIS.

LYTTLETON ROGERS' TWO FINE WINS.

MONTE CARLO, Saturday.

G. Lyttleton Rogers, the Irish Davis Cup player, played two fine matches here to-day in the Country Club Tournament. He defeated Kingsley in the quarter finals of the Men's Singles, and crowned a great day's play by beating Jacques Brugnon in the semi-final.

Kingsley was quite unable to deal with his opponent's service and deep drives in the first set, but in the second set he changed his tactics, and, using lots of top spin, he prevented Rogers from driving hard. The third set went to Rogers on his service, with which he scored several aces.

The match with Brugnon, who ranks as fourth French player, went to five sets, and proved to be the most exciting match seen on the Riviera this season. Rogers took the first set with an almost unplayable service, but in the second set Brugnon went all out for a win, and, keeping his shots low and short, he had Rogers puzzled.

The third set went to 6 all on service, with Brugnon always one game ahead. He then won his own service, and took the set off Rogers's service. The fourth set went to 4 all until the Frenchman's knee began to trouble him, and, serving three double faults in one game, he lost the set. In the final set Brugnon took the first three games, but Rogers then broke through the service at 5—4, and was at match point when he netted an easy return. In the last two games Brugnon tired, and the set went to the Irishman, who meets Tilden in the final to-morrow. Results:—

MEN'S SINGLES.—Quarter-Finals: J. Brugnon beat Louis, 6—8, 7—2, 6—2. G. Lyttleton Rogers beat C. H. Kingsley, 6—0, 8—10, 6—4. Semi-Finals: W. T. Tilden beat B. De Ricou, 6—2, 6—2, 6—4; G. Lyttleton Rogers beat J. Brugnon, 6—2, 1—6, 6—8, 6—4, 7—5.

WOMEN'S SINGLES.—Semi-Finals: Mrs. Sattertwaite beat Mlle. Neufeld, 6—0, 6—4; Miss Ryan beat Mlle. Adamoff, 3—6, 6—3, 6—4.

WOMEN'S DOUBLES.—Quarter-Finals: Mrs. Sattertwaite and Miss Ryan beat Miss T. A. Rowbotham and Miss R Gorton, 6—0, 6—1.

THE FAMILY CUP.—Semi-Finals: Dr. and Mrs. Tottenham beat Mr. and Mrs. Brame-Hillyard, 6—2, 5—7, 6—1; Mr. and Mrs. Pitmann beat Mr. and Mrs. Crawshay-Williams, 6—1, 6—3.—*Reuter's Special Service.*

HOCKEY.

ANOTHER DISMAL DAY.

TRIAL MATCH SURPRISE.

By "CIRCLE."

Yesterday's deluge proved most unpleasant for hockey players, for it came after most of the games had commenced, but so heavy was the rain that most matches were abandoned before half-time. Some hardy individuals, however, elected to withstand a soaking and to bring their games to a conclusion.

ST. THOMAS'S HOSPITAL were beaten at home by BLACKHEATH by 3—2 despite some excellent play by Robertson at centre-half for the Hospital. Robins (3) and Willis scored for Blackheath, and Harper and Bloss for the Hospital.

TEDDINGTON and the ROYAL ENGINEERS (CHATHAM) abandoned their game ten minutes after half-time, Read having scored for the home side and Leslie for the Engineers. OLD SOUTHENDIANS visited Chiswick and beat POLYTECHNIC by 2—1, Hoggsflesh and Gooch scoring for the winners and Osmond for the losers. HENDON, two goals down to OLD CRANLEIGHANS at half-time, scored twice through Warren in the second half to play a 2—2 draw, the Old Boys' goals being netted by the centre-forward and the inside-right. PURLEY and BROMLEY had each scored once when play was abandoned after twenty-five minutes, while BARNES led EAST GRINSTEAD by 2—0 when the game received a similar fate at half-time. Another match abandoned at half-time was that between DULWICH and MID-SURREY with the latter leading by 4—0.

International Trial.

In the first of the season's international trial matches the NORTH beat the MIDLANDS, at Crosby, Liverpool, by 4—2, thus reversing the verdict at their meeting of two years ago at Warrington. Stowell, O'Hanlan, Chilman, and Harrison scored for the North and Nugent and Robinson for the Midlands.

The Midlands scored two goals in the first ten minutes, but then the North rallied in great style and netted four times in quick succession. On the whole it was a disappointing match, Nugent, formerly of the South, being the only convincing forward for the Midlands, while numerous scoring chances were missed by the North, although both Harrison and O'Hanlan did well. Waydelin and Fiddian-Green were outstanding in the Midlands' defence, while in the North rear division Murray was a clever full-back, and Greaves a most able goalkeeper. Generally speaking there was more individualism than cohesion.

Mishap at St. Albans.

In the Eastern Counties trial at St. Albans the COLOURS beat the WHITES by 4—3, after being led at half-time by 2—1. Unfortunately Newman, the Whites' goalkeeper, sustained a dislocated shoulder, while Block, the International full-back, suffered from a knee injury, while the snow and sleet detracted from the value of the match as a conclusive test. Trimby (2), Ashton, and Frierson scored for the Whites, and Searby, Shelley, and Saville for the Colours.

HAMPSTEAD won their match with RICHMOND by 3—1, the losers scarcely being up to normal form. Wilkinson, Todman, and the outside-right scored for the winners. and Heath for the losers.

WEST HERTS visited BROXBOURNE and won by 7—5. Hepburn was in excellent form for the winners and scored four goals, while Wood, Pocock, and Stowart each scored once. Green played well at centre-forward for the losers.

GUILDHALL, who were specially strong in defence, beat OLD LOUGHTONIANS by 2—1. Smith and Haynes scored their goals, and Chandler replied for the Old Boys. Both teams were weakened by the claims of the Eastern Counties trial.

On heavy ground at Portsmouth TULSE HILL beat UNITED SERVICES by 5—1, the losers being without a goalkeeper for the greater part of the first half. Theophilus (2), Staples (2), and Copes scored for Tulse Hill, and Hopkins for the Services.

East Team Chosen.

After the Eastern Counties trial at St. Albans, the East team to oppose the Combined Services in the International Trial at Grimsby on January 25 was chosen as follows:—

H. E. Haslam (Essex); H. Clements (Essex), S. A. Block (Cambridge University Wanderers); R. Y. Fison (Cambridge University Wanderers), G. W. Dixon (Hertfordshire), J. B. Hodgkinson (Cambridge University Wanderers); J. D. Taylor Marsh (Cambridge University Wanderers), S. H Saville (Cambridge University Wanderers), L. H Shelley (Essex), Rev. W. J. Berry (Cambridge University Wanderers), J. M. B. Ashton (Hertfordshire).

The reappearance of H. E. Haslam, the old international goalkeeper, is due to his willingness to fill the breach in view of P. A. Newman being crocked in the trial, and is also influenced by the Cambridge University captain withholding his players, none of whom is in the team.

PUBLIC SCHOOLS HOCKEY.

TEAM CHOSEN FOR DULWICH MATCH.

The Public Schools eleven to play Dulwich on Wednesday afternoon at Dulwich has been selected as follows:—J. W. P. Shirehampton (St. Lawrence); J. W. S. Hardie (St. Lawrence) (captain), E. S. Moore (Mill Hill); W. C. Burton (Kingston), D. L. Ross (St. Lawrence); P. Hazell (Rugby); R. Grove (Kingston), J. B. Box (St. Edmund's), C. H. C. Ferguson (St. Lawrence), H. R. C. Pettigrew (Chichester), C. Rivaz (St. Edmund's).

The team looks well balanced, and includes Hardie, who played for Wales against England in the Junior International, and Ross, Ferguson, and Rivaz, who were included in the side touring Germany, which was unbeaten. Pettigrew is the brilliant young Sussex County forward who has made a name for himself this season by his constructive play. Last year the Schools were beaten by the odd goal in nine.

YESTERDAY'S RESULTS.

INTERNATIONAL TRIAL.

North	4	Midlands	2

EASTERN COUNTIES TRIAL.

Colours	4	Whites	3

CLUB MATCHES.

Halifax	2	Worsley	0
Middleton	9	C.W.S. Tobacco	0
Broughton	2	Reddish	2
Barry	3	Western	2
Brooklands	10	St. Annes	1
Crossfield	4	Lancaster Social	2
Bowden II	6	Warrington II.	0
Bowden IV.	4	Lancaster Y.M.C.A.	1
Oxton	4	Formby	2
Ship Canal	6	Eccles	0
Blackheath	3	St. Thomas's Hos.	2
*Mid-Surrey	4	Dulwich	0
*Purley	1	Bromley	1
*N.P. Bank	0	Spencer	2
Old Southendians	2	Polytechnic	1
*Teddington	1	Royal Engineers	1
Old Framlinghamians	6	Royal Dental Hos.	1
Rayleigh	5	Shoeburyness Garr.	0
*Barclays Bank	5	Brondesbury	3
*East Grinstead	1	Barnes	0
N.P.L.	2	East Surrey Regt.	0
Hawks	10	Weybridge	1
*City of Lon. M.H.	3	Gravesend	2
*Metrogas	4	St. Peter's, Woolwich	2
Lloyds Bank	5	Royal Observatory	0
West Herts	7	Broxbourne	5
West Herts II.	1	Broxbourne II.	4
Barnet	3	Wembley	3
Crouch End	6	G.W.R.	1
Woolwich Poly	11	Erith Tech. College	1
Guildhall	2	Old Loughtonians	1
Forest Gate Y.M.C.A.	4	Paragon	0
Chelmsford II.	2	Brentwood II.	0
Hawks II.	4	Peek Frean	2
Polytechnic B	1	H.A.C. IV.	1
Borough Poly II.	3	Civil Service IV.	1
Southgate IV.	12	Hornsey III.	0
Hampstead	3	Richmond	1
Royal Observatory	0	Lloyds Bank	5
*Dulwich	0	Mid-Surrey	4
Hendon	2	Old Cranleighans	2
Polytechnic A	0	London Scottish	6
Polytechnic B	1	Lond. Scottish II.	1
Staines II.	5	Ashford II.	3
Hampstead II.	5	Richmond II.	3
Hampstead III.	4	Richmond III.	2
Beckenham II.	2	Wimbledon II.	5
Beckenham IV.	1	Wimbledon IV.	1
Radlett II.	0	Bocspa	1
Bocspa II.	0	Broxbourne III.	4
Barclays Bank III.	2	Brondesbury III.	1
Southgate III.	2	Hornsey II.	1
Southgate IV.	12	Hornsey III.	0
Guildhall	2	Old Loughtonians	1
United Services	1	Tulse Hill	5
*Ashford (Middlesex)	1	Merton	1
*Old Kingstonians A	1	Civil Service	0
*Sevenoaks	2	Wallington	1
Sevenoaks II.	4	Wallington II.	0
St. James's (Hatcham)	2	Harlesden	1
Harlesden II.	2	Merton III.	1
Broxbourne II.	4	West Herts II.	1

NORTH WALES TRIAL.

Probables	1	Possibles	0

* Abandoned owing to bad weather.

FIVES.

Alleyn Old Boys (E. L. Bailey, V. G. W. Lewis, C. W. Slack and R. W. Maynard) beat the Old Paulines (J. F. Burnet, J. B. Wheatley, A. E. Bolter, and N. Avgherinos) at Rugby fives at West Kensington by 56 points.

The Old Citizens defeated the City of London School by 105 points to 89 at Eton fives at Blackfriars.

The Old Alleynians beat the Jesters by 120 points to 71 at Rugby fives at Dulwich.

WOMEN'S HOCKEY

SOUTHEND WIN AGAIN.

WELLINGBOROUGH'S HEAVY DEFEAT.

By MARJORIE POLLARD.

On their own ground, which was in good condition considering the recent rain, SOUTHEND returned to their holiday form, beating COLCHESTER by six goals to three. Colchester had had some difficulty in securing a full team, and the home side played one short for the first quarter of an hour. During this time, however, they had scored once through Miss Spelling, who netted with a wonderful cross shot. Miss Meeson arrived and allowed Mrs. Haxell to move up to the left wing, and she immediately decided to leave her mark on the score sheet and gave the Colchester goalkeeper no chance. From a corner, Miss Crichton added the third. Colchester were not idle, but appeared to possess only one sharpshooter in the forward line—Miss Buck, their left inner. She registered two goals, and the score stood thus at half-time. The weather decided that it ought to have a say in the matter, and from the bully-off of the second half the rain fell heavily. Southend attacked fairly continuously, and Miss Spelling and Mrs. Haxell scored again, and Miss Pain brought their total to six. Miss Buck scored again for Colchester, who were best served by Miss Mason, in goal, and Miss Sumner at centre-half. Southend halves were the prominent part of the home team, the forwards using the opportunities provided them in a workmanlike way.

OLD WESTCLIFFIANS scored a well-deserved win over ORSETT, the game providing a chance for Miss Mitchell to show her scoring ability. She scored five of her side's total of six, Miss Day, the centre-half, scoring the other. The latter played a splendid game, her stick work being very good indeed, in spite of the heavy ground. BARNET and HEDGELEIGH had to abandon their game with the latter leading by 3 goals to 1, but EALING, though playing in the pouring rain, beat WINCHMORE HILL by 4 goals to 1.

The bad weather did not extend to the Midlands, where NORTH NORTHANTS, playing on the Show Ground at Peterborough, beat WELLINGBOROUGH by 6 goals to 2. Miss Neville scored both goals for Wellingborough, and Miss Kemp (3), Miss Bryant (2), and Miss Pollard scored for the home team. The game reached a high standard for a club game, and Miss Chamberlain, who has been chosen for the Midlands, as right-half, gave an excellent display in that position for Wellingborough.

WOMEN'S MATCHES.

Gresley	4	Aston-on-Trent	0
Derby Victoria	6	Meynell	0
Ecclesbourne	8	Derby Midland	3
Derby II.	4	Bakewell	4
Notts Gregory	5	Notts Willows	1
Lewison	3	Sherwood	1
Southend	6	Colchester	3
Old Westcliffians	6	Orsett	0
*Barnet	0	Hedgleigh	3
*Barnet II.	1	Bowes Pk. Wesl'y'n	1
Ealing	4	Winchmore Hill	1
North Northants	6	Wellingborough	2
Peterborough	5	Huntingdon	2
Highgate II.	3	Barnes	3

* Abandoned before full time.

KENT CHAMPIONSHIP.

BLACKHEATH'S TRIUMPH "AT HOME."

Blackheath Harriers, running over their own country at Hayes, scored a dual triumph in the Kent County cross-country championship, for they retained the team title with 46 points to spare from Cambridge Harriers, and supplied the first and second men home in A. G. V. Allen and N. L. Burt respectively. The course was rather more than seven miles long, and when two and a-half miles had been covered E Ford (Kent A.C.), who had been fancied to win, led by 200 yards. At the half-distance, however, Ford had only 80 yards to spare from Allen and Burt, and the leader continued to fall back, finishing fifth. Allen went on to win by six sec. from Burt in 53 min. 45 sec.

The leading individual positions were:—

A. G. V. Allen (Blackheath H.), 53 m. 45 s., 1; N. L. Burt (Blackheath), 53 m. 51 s., 2; C. Dockerill (Dartford H.), 54 m. 53 s., 3; J. F. Newson (Cambridge H.), 54 m. 5 s., 4; E. Ford (Kent A.C.), 54 m. 34 s., 5; C. E. Clowser (Blackheath), 54 m. 35 s., 6; J. T. Pearce (Cambridge H.), 54 m. 41 s., 7; H. T. Foster (Dartford H.), 54 m. 46 s., 8; L. E. Hammill (Cambridge H.), 54 m. 49 s., 9; L. G. Eley (Herne Hill H.), 54 m. 50 s., 10; R. A. E. Galley (Blackheath), 55 m. 5s., 11; C. L. Mobbs (Blackheath), 55 m. 6 s., 12; H. S. Smith (Blackheath), 55 m. 10 s., 13; F. R. Cross (Blackheath), 55 m. 11 s., 14; R. D. Bell (Blackheath), 55 m. 13 s., 15; P. W. Glover (Blackheath), 55 m. 25 s., 16; J. D. Reeves (Kent A.C.), 55 m. 28 s., 17; R. E. Walton (Blackheath), 55 m. 45 s., 18; J. Hopkins (Gravesend and D.H.), 55 m. 49 s., 19; L. A. Beadle (Cambridge H.), 56 m. 7s., 20.

The team placings were:—Blackheath Harriers (1, 2, 6, 11, 12, 13), 45 pts., 1; Cambridge H. (4, 7, 9, 20, 25, 26), 91 pts., 2; Dartford H. (3, 8, 22, 24, 35, 39), 131 pts., 3; Kent A.C., 168 pts., 4; Herne Hill H., 197 pts., 5; Darnley A.C., 333 pts., 6; Gravesend and District H., 334 pts., 7; Nore Command C.C.C., 373 pts., 8; Hythe W. and A.C., 383 pts., 9.

YOUTH'S SURPRISE AT ESSEX MEETING.

WOODFORD GREEN RETAIN TEAM TITLE.

W. H. Gross (Ilford A.C.), a 21-years-old railway clerk at Stratford, caused a surprise in the Essex County Cross-Country Championship, over an 8¼ miles course in the Woodford Green district on Saturday, by winning in 52 min. 11 sec. Although a winner in the Essex one mile flat championship last year, he had not previously gained a big success "o'er the plough." H. W. Payne (Woodford Green A.C.), the A.A.A. Marathon champion, who had held the title for eight years, could not stand the pace towards the finish and he was fifth. Second place was occupied by G. H. Gretton, the Oxford University runner who beat the Shotover course record last year.

Terrible conditions were experienced for the race, the general snowstorm which prevailed temporarily blinding two competitors, who lost their way. Friends went out after the race with torchlights to search for the missing men in the Forest. The order of finishing was:—

W. H. Gross (Ilford A.C.), 52 min. 11 sec., 1; G. H. Gretton (Woodford Green A.C.), 52 min. 24 sec., 2; A. N. S. Skelton (Southend and County H.), 52 min. 40 sec., 3; W. S. E. Brickett (Woodford Green A.C.), 52 min. 47 sec., 4; H. W. Payne (Woodford Green A.C.), 52 min. 52 sec., 5; D. H. Johnson (Woodford Green A.C.), 54 min. 14 sec., 6; P. A. Pool (Southend and County H.), 54 min. 28 sec., 7; A. H. Beeton (Southend and County H.), 54 min. 43 sec., 8; A. E. Moon (Ilford A.C.), 54 min. 52 sec., 9; G. O. May (Ilford A.C.), 55 min. 1 sec., 10; E. H. Moon (Ilford A.C.), 55 min. 5 sec., 11; C. Bothwell (Southend and County H.). 55 min. 27 sec., 12.

Team Placings Woodford Green A.C. (holders), 2, 4, 5, 6, 13, 14=44 pts., 1; Southend and County H., 3, 7, 8, 12, 15, 23=68 pts., 2; Ilford A.C., 1, 9, 10, 11, 19, 20=70 pts., 3; Loughton A.C., 193, 4.

TOMLIN NARROWLY RETAINS HERTS TITLE.

S. A. Tomlin (St. Albans A.C.), the English International, won the Herts County Championship for the fourth year in succession. The five miles course at St. Albans provided plenty of hard going, owing to the recent heavy rains, and the seventy starters also had to contend with a blinding snowstorm. At the end of the first lap Tomlin and A. F. Furze (Watford H. and S.A.) had drawn away from the "field," and they maintained their lead until the end. Tomlin finishing two yards ahead of Furze, who was second last year, in 30 min. 40 sec., while the third man, W. Jordon, also of Watford H., was third, 200 yards away. The Watford club were victorious in the team race, scoring 35 points for six men, Tomlin's club (St. Albans H.) being second with 52 points, and the holders (New Barnet) third with 111 points.

BUCKS CHAMPIONSHIP.

At the fourth Buckinghamshire A.A.A. Cross-country Championship, held at Chesham Park, Wycombe Phœnix Harriers and A.C. and Royal Air Force (Halton) won the team honours in the senior and junior events respectively, for the fourth year in succession.

The seniors' race was over four laps of a mile and a-half each, while the juniors covered the same circuit twice. The going was good at the start, but became worse later, while the conditions near the end were atrocious, and some of the runners were forced to retire before completing the full distance.

E. V. Busby, the individual winner of last year's senior race, finished third to F. C. Saunders, whose time for the six miles was 38 min. S. E. Binfield (Slough A.C.), winner in 1928, being second. Wycombe Ph. H. and A.C., with four men in the first six home, won the team title with 34 points, Slough A.C. being second with 67 points, and R.A.F. (Halton), 80 points, 3. A/A Bertram secured the junior race in 20 min. 36 sec., and his team (Royal Air Force, Halton) easily took the junior title.

CROSS-COUNTRY.

MIDDLESEX CHAMPIONSHIP.

"POLY'S" THIRD WIN.

By H. M. ABRAHAMS.

The ninth annual Middlesex Cross-Country Championship, held over a 7½ miles course at Northolt yesterday afternoon, resulted in "no change." The Polytechnic Harriers gained their third successive victory, and as last year Hampstead finished in second position, with Queen's Park Harriers third. But whereas last year only three points separated the first team from the second, and another eleven the second from the third, this time the winners finished their scoring six in the first eighteen, and, with a very fine total of seventy points, were no less than sixty-two points ahead of Hampstead.

In another sense, too, there was but little change, for once more we find the old names to the fore in the premier positions, Harman, Stubbs, O'Connor, Broadley, and Griffiths again finishing in the first six. The only change was the weather, and it decided that the perfectly glorious day we had twelve months ago was all a mistake, and repented of its error with a vengeance.

A fine morning was encouraging, and then the powers that be remembered that January 11 was the day fixed for the majority of county cross-country championships. So the first lap of the Middlesex race was run in a steady downpour of rain, which changed to sleet for the second lap, and ended up with really heavy snow. What an afternoon!

Appalling Conditions.

The Director of Civil Aviation (Major-General Sir Sefton Brancker, K.C.B., A.F.C.), who is President of the Association, arrived by Auto-Gyro plane just before the race, and started the 160 runners on their journey just before a quarter past three. Fifteen teams started, six of them with the full complement of twelve men, and in addition there were eight individual entries. The conditions were appalling, and I heard one fair and courageous lady enthusiast observe "Just *fancy*, running on a day like this!" She was about right.

At the end of the first lap C W. Griffiths was leading, with J. G. Stubbs (winner in 1927 and fourth last year) and J. E. Flower close on his heels. Then came J. A. Broadley, E. Adamthwaite, and V. Harman. The time at this stage was some two minutes slower than twelve months ago, but we wondered that anyone could get round the course at all.

At the end of the second lap Harman had come into premier position, with Stubbs some six seconds behind. Here the latter, having held up his shorts (with broken elastic) for some considerable distance, decided to risk an infringement of the A.A.A. laws and the bitter cold, and discarded what little protection they gave him. Griffiths had dropped back to seventh position. The second lap was nearly a minute slower than the first, and the total time exactly 4½ minutes slower than 1929.

The Finish.

Harman kept his position during the final lap and finished almost exactly the same distance ahead of Stubbs as at the beginning. Two Poly men, Biggs and Adams, improved their positions, and it was plain that the Polytechnic had retained their title. They deserve an extra special piece of congratulation, for E. O'Connor (the captain), who finished first of his team as a captain should, was the only scoring member of last year's winning team who was in the scoring this year.

Here are the times of the first half-dozen men for each lap:—

	1. m. s.	2. m. s.	3. m. s.
1. V. Harman	14.41	29.38	45. 6
2. J. G. Stubbs	14.31	29.44	45.11
3. E. Adamthwaite	14.38	29.50	45.35
4. E. O'Connor	14.51	29.53	45.39
5. J. A. Broadley	14.37	29.45	45.54
6. C. W. Griffiths	14.28	29.58	46. 2

Of the 160 starters 102 finished. Only one team—the Enfield A.C.—finished all its men. The first twenty finished in just outside 48 min.; fifty in 48 min. 39 sec.; seventy-five in 51 min. 10 sec. and the centurion in 56 min. 11 sec. Details:—1, Polytechnic Harriers (E. O'Connor 4, H. Biggs 7 F. W. H. Adams 8, A. G. Hardin 16, F. G. W. Woods 17, L. J. Owen 18). 70 pts.; 2, Hampstead Harriers (5, 20, 23. 24 27 33). 132; 3, Queen's Park Harriers (3 11, 22. 30, 48. 49). 163; 4, Finchley Harriers, 196; 5, Thames Valley Harriers, 252; 6, Southgate and Wood Green Harriers, 259; 7, Enfield A.C., 262; 8, St. Mary's (Hornsey Harriers), 281; 9, North London Harriers, 345; 10, Ealing Harriers. 469

SURREY CHAMPIONSHIP.

A SURPRISE WINNER.

H. E. Footer, a member of the Belgrave Harriers, surprised the "field" at Epsom Downs, where he won the Surrey County Cross-Country championship in 37 min. 55 sec., beating J. A. H. Sutherland (Surrey A.C.) by 3 sec. Belgrave Harriers, with their six scoring men within the first eighteen positions, easily retained the team title with the low total of 47 points, Surrey A.C. finishing second with a total of 80.

The course was short of the stated seven miles, but was a very difficult one, and the heavy downpour of rain, in which the race started, and which quickly turned to a blinding snowstorm, added to the runners' task.

It was not until the last half-mile that Footer got away. In the early stages L. H. Weatherill and A. C. Stansbury were in front. Stansbury was beaten off, but Weatherill went slightly off the course a little later, with the result that J. A. H. Sutherland and G. H. P. Thompson came up, with Footer close at hand. The last-named put in a strong finishing burst when almost within sight of home, and, maintaining a slight lead, he broke the tape by a narrow margin in front of Sutherland, who just beat Thompson for second place.

The order of finish was:—

H. E. Footer (Belgrave H.), 37 min. 55 sec., 1; J. A. H. Sutherland (Surrey A.C.), 37 min. 58 sec., 2; G. H. P. Thompson (S.L.H.), 38 min. 1 sec., 3; L. H. Weatherill (S.L.H.), 38 min. 7 sec., 4; W S. Mitchell (Belgrave H.), 38 min. 10 sec., 5; A. W. Penny (Belgrave H.) and H. S. H. Cook (Belgrave H.), 38 min. 11 sec., 6; L. J. Cohen (Ashcombe A.C.), 38 min. 27 sec. 8; G. W. Tolley (Epsom H.), 38 min. 28 sec., 9; E. A. Duffett (Belgrave H.), 38 min. 32 sec., 10.

The team event resulted:—

Belgrave H. (holders), 1, 5, 6, 7, 10, 18=47 pts., 1; Surrey A.C., 2, 12, 14, 15, 16, 21=80 pts., 2; South London H., 3, 4, 19, 27, 29, 35=117 pts., 3; Ranelagh H., 146 pts., 4; Epsom H., 223 pts., 5; Mitcham A.C., 247 pts., 6; Croydon H., 279 pts., 7; Ashcombe A.C., 314 pts., 8; St. George's Service S.C., 360 pts. 9.

BOURNE WINS SUSSEX TITLE.

TEAM HONOURS RETAINED.

There were fifty-six runners, representing six teams and nine individual entrants, in the Sussex County senior cross-country championship, which was run at Worthing over a course of about 7½ miles. Rain made the conditions severe, but did not upset anticipations, for E. W. Bourne, of the Highgate Harriers, competing as an individual, again finished first, his time being 45 min. 50 sec., W. Bramley, Worthing and District H., who was expected to do well, finishing second after having been in the same position, behind Bourne, at the half-distance. J. A. Rason, Brighton and County H., also fulfilled expectations by lying third half-way and still holding that place at the finish, when he was 170 yards behind Bramley, who, in turn, was beaten by 130 yards. Packing well and getting four men in the first five team places, and all their scoring half-dozen in the first nine, Horsham Blue Star Harriers retained the team championship.

The order of finishing was as follows:—(1) E. W. Bourne (Highgate H.), 45 min. 50 sec.; (2) W. Bramley (Worthing), 46 min. 17 sec.; (3) J. A. Rason (Brighton and County H.), 46 min. 51 sec.; (4) M. Carr (Polytechnic H.), 47 min. 45 sec.; (5) L. P. Randall (Polytechnic H.), 48 min. 10 sec.; (6) J. Laker (Horsham Blue Star H.), 48 min. 15 sec.; (7) J. Grosse (Horsham Blue Star H.), 48 min. 16 s.; (8) S Pryke (Horsham Blue Star H.), 48 min. 16 1-5 sec.; (9) T. Marchant (Horsham Blue Star H.), 48 min 17 sec.; (10) A W. Bowley (Brighton and County H.), 49 min. 18 sec.; (11) F. J. Grevatt (Worthing and District H.), 49 min 19 sec.; (12) C. E. Emslie (Horsham Blue Star H.), 49 min. 35 sec.

Team Placings:—(1) Horsham Blue Star H. (2 3, 4, 5, 8, 9=31 pts); (2) Brighton and County H. (1, 6, 10, 11, 14 22=64 pts.); Shoreham and District H. (121 pts.)

Horsham Blue Star 'B' team and Worthing and District H. 'B' team did not close in.

R. H. THOMAS BEATEN.

The Bedfordshire County Cross-country Championship was decided in a terrific snowstorm at Luton over a heavy course consisting of two laps of two and a-half miles. Conditions were so bad that it was almost impossible to distinguish the competitors, who were covered with snow and mud from head to foot. W B. Howard (Kettering A.C.), the holder, retained his individual title in excellent style against such redoubtable opponents as R. H. Thomas (Astra A.C.), the Welsh half-mile and mile champion, who was placed second, and B C. V. Oddie, the Olympic runner, who came in fourth. The winner's time was 27 min. 7 sec. J. A. Tyler (Highgate H.) created a surprise by gaining third place. Luton United Harriers retained their team honours

Rugby Football.

FORWARD DASHES IN SNOW AND RAIN.

LONDON RIVALS DRAW—RICHMOND AND ROSSLYN PARK LOSE AWAY.

COVENTRY WIN THE MIDLAND DUEL

What little was left of yesterday's Rugby programme by the storm of rain and snow was quite interesting. Happily enough, all the county games were uninterrupted, and resulted in the successes of Gloucester, Lancashire, and Somerset (the first two emphatically so) over Cornwall, Northumberland, and Devon respectively

In the big London clash the Harlequins were held at home by Blackheath, but the London Scottish beat the O.M.T.'s in one of their games, and were badly placed in their other game with Guy's when the weather interfered and caused the abandonment of the match.

The London Welsh recorded another win by beating Streatham pointless, but Richmond once more failed away, this time at Portsmouth, although the United Services had not a lot to spare. St. Bart's found little to exert them in the match with the Old Haileyburians, but Rosslyn Park went down heavily at Leicester.

Birkenhead Park had much in hand over Bradford, and Bedford overwhelmed Moseley, but Coventry and Cheltenham did equally well in winning, though they had little to spare in the end.

LUCKY QUINS.

CLOSE GAME AT TWICKENHAM.

By D. R. GENT.

HARLEQUINS 3 pts., BLACKHEATH 3.

I had better say at the outset that in this match at Twickenham yesterday the . ore was a try each, and that Blackheath were rather unlucky not to win, or I might be tempted to devote my space to a description of the weather. It really was atrocious, and I don't think I have seen any match played at Twickenham under such wretched conditions, unless, perhaps, it was the London and Waratahs' match a few years ago. Actually, when the game started, it was not raining, but just dull. But soon a little rain fell, then came a bitterly cold wind, then heavy rain, then sleet, and finally—and for nearly the whole of the second half—heavy snow.

The players deserve tremendous credit for "sticking it," to say nothing of the spectators, many of whom were in the open. W. W. Wakefield, W. E. Tucker, and the referee did actually discuss, about ten minutes before the end, whether they should stop the game, but they decided to go on; and during that time we saw the Harlequins put in a desperate attempt to repeat their victory earlier in the season, and Blackheath deserve any amount of praise for keeping their opponents out under this heavy pressure, especially as they were then without one of their best "loose" forwards, C. B. Bailey.

Taking the game as a whole, Blackheath deserved to win because they did much more attacking than the Harlequins, and because they were better in front. But they didn't show the best judgment in trying so many back movements under the extraordinary circumstances.

Nearly all the forwards were good. W. E. Tucker led them well, and his own display made his selection for the vacancy in the English pack a certainty.

As I have said, it was not a day for backs, but both the half-backs, J. T. Kemp and C. C. Bishop, and both the centres, A. L. Novis and J. A. Tallent, did a lot of very useful work as individuals.

A Promising Centre.

A couple of men stood out among the Harlequins' backs. They were J. E. Hutton and H. C. Laird. Hutton is a comparative newcomer to the Harlequins' side, but in the two months or so he has been playing for them he has improved tremendously. He is well set up, tackles excellently, and runs very hard and straight. The run of his in the second half was by far the most spectacular incident in this match, and, it so happened, led to the Harlequins' try. Then Laird did a lot of capital work, and he, at all events, soon saw that the short punt ahead, carefully placed, was the best form of attack for this sort of game. In addition, he made one or two strong dashes, and kicked now and then as well as ever. Is Laird going to make a complete recovery of condition and form?

There was quite a fair sprinkling of spectators present when Laird started the game, in dull weather and with rain just commencing, Blackheath had a strong wind behind them. The Harlequins started by following up the kick and putting in a strong forward rush, but a wild kick by a Harlequins forward enabled Giles to gather cleanly, and put the ball into touch at the half-way line. A scrum infringement gave Blackheath a free kick, and this gave Kemp his chance and he sent the ball still further down the field.

At last the Blackheath forwards heeled cleanly, and we had the first bout of passing. The ball reached Novis, and he made a capital attempt to cut through. When all but clear, he was very well tackled by Hutton. The ball got loose, and Hopkins punted to touch.

A passing movement by the Harlequins saw the ball reach Reeve, but Devitt watched him well and tackled him as Reeve attempted to cut inside.

From a loose scrum Bishop threw out an exceedingly difficult pass that Novis took beautifully, only to finish badly by a poor kick ahead that went straight to Reeve's hands. Another free kick to Blackheath might have led to a penalty goal, but the ball was much too heavy for Kemp, and his attempt was a poor one Immediately after this Laird made a strong dash on his own, and after being fed from a scrum, he was splendidly tackled by Bishop, though, and once more we had a series of loose forward rushes It was still the visitors who did the attacking, and from close in Novis made an unsuccessful though not bad shot at a dropped goal. After about twenty minutes' play we had a really delightful piece of open play. Brook started it with a capital burst from the scrum After gaining about thirty yards, he passed inside cleverly to Wakefield, who, making some ground first, sent the ball along to White on the right wing. The last-named had just half a chance of getting there, but Novis was too good for him and bowled him into touch.

For a few minutes now, we had the Harlequins attacking, and Laird tried to make the most of it by getting a dropped goal It was a poor attempt, however, and from the kick-out Blackheath took up the attack again. Despite the wretched state of the ball, Kemp gave Bishop a very clever reverse pass near the touchline Bishop and Hopkins gained quite a lot of ground as a result and the Harlequins were hard pressed. But a poorish kick by a Blackheath back enabled Hubbard to touch down, and then the whistle went for half-time and a dull half it had been, with no score, and very little good play.

The Second Half.

All the scoring was done this half, and, in spite of the weather, it was very much more interesting than the first half had been. Early in this half. Kemp gave a beautiful reverse pass to Bishop: it could not have been done better with a dry ball. It was Kemp, too, who started the movement that led to the first score. He gave Bishop a perfect long, swinging pass from a scrum. This gained a lot of ground, and then came a magnificent forward rush, headed by Bonaventura.

To finish it off, the forward kicked ahead, but Hubbard doubled back and made as good a mark as I have seen for a long time, surrounded by players and with his face towards his own line, and within a couple of yards of his line. But its value was soon nullified, for his forwards got in front of him before he kicked, and we had a scrum instead. A quick heel by the Blackheath pack, a sharp pass from Kemp to Bishop, and the latter dived over in the corner with a good try, Kemp missing the kick This was after about ten minutes' play.

The Harlequins' try came about a quarter of an hour after this. It was nearly all due to Hutton Getting the ball on the half-way line, he dodged, feinted, and ran hard right through the middle of a crowd of opponents Checked about ten yards from the line, he passed wide to a bunch of forwards up in support

I thought one of them knocked the ball on, but the referee did not apparently, and Duder was allowed to put in a typical dash and get the touch-down. Hubbard tried the shot at goal, but could not do much with it Teams:—

HARLEQUINS.—J. C. Hubbard; J. S. R. Reeve, J. M. Rice-Evans, J. E. Hutton, N. E. White; H. C. C. Laird, D. S. Phillips. A. E. C. Prescott, P W Adams, E. H. Fouraker, B. Coghlan, M. L P. Jackson, D. H. Duder, W. V. Wakefield, P. W. P. Brooke.

BLACKHEATH.—J. A. N. Giles; R. G. Hopkins, A. L. Novis, J. A. Tallent, Sir T. G. Devitt, C. C. Bishop, J. T. Kemp; H. H. C. Withers, M. S. Bonaventura, J. B. Worley, C. H. B. Rodham, W. E. Pratton, W. E. Tucker, D. H. Nott, C. B. Bailey.

Referee: E. J. Hiley.

O.M.T.s BEATEN.

FINE LONDON SCOTTISH PACK.

LONDON SCOTTISH 6 pts., O.M.T.s 0.

The London Scottish, in their game against the Old Merchant Taylors on the Athletic Ground, Richmond, scored two tries to nil, but the match, which had promised a most interesting encounter, was ruined by the appalling weather. Rain set in with the kick-off, and later the heavy snowfall made the conditions so hopeless that the second half was considerably curtailed.

The Scottish pack had the advantage in weight, and they employed it to good purpose. They scrummaged better than the Taylors, and were better together in the open, making many dangerous rushes and several times going a long way with the ball at their feet. W. N. Roughead was always very prominent, while F. H. Waters and C. R. McCullough also got in a lot of very good work. The Taylors stuck to them very well, and nothing could have been much better than their defence.

They went for their men low, and never failed to bring them down, and if the play went heavily against them throughout, their line was only crossed once in each half. True, Ian Smith might have got over twice had he taken his passes, but under the conditions that prevailed the surprise was that the passing on each side was as good as it was.

Early in the match Roughead led a Scottish rush to within a few yards of the Old Boys' line, and E. M. M Henderson picking up crossed for a try which Waters failed to convert, but though the Taylors' defence was a good deal harassed afterwards, it did not yield again until mid-way through the second half, when Green, having been well tackled in the corner, G. Maclaren got over too far out for McCullough to kick a goal.

IRISH TRIAL.

A ONE-SIDED AFFAIR.

PROBABLES 30 pts., POSSIBLES 8.

The Irish Trial at Dublin proved a very one-sided affair, the Probables defeating the Possibles by 30 points to 8 after leading at the interval by 16 to 3. No further changes were made in the teams. The pitch was heavy, and good handling was difficult. The Probables had much the better of the first half, and clever tries were scored by Murray, Beamish, Davy, and Ganly, two of which Murray converted E. Crowe scored a try for the Possibles following a good opening by Entrican. This try was unconverted.

The Probables had all the better of the second half, and early on Sugden "dummied" over for a try which was not converted. Clinch was the next to score from a pass by Sugden. Murray goaled Then McNeice, intercepting, scored for the Possibles and Brandon converted. Ganly crossed again for the Probables, the try being unconverted. Finally Sugden slipped over for an unconverted try.

A NARROW VICTORY.

NORTHAMPTON 6 pts., COVENTRY 8.

Played at Northampton before 3,000 people. Coventry adapted themselves well to the conditions and had the better of the first half. Harriman scored in two minutes, Malin converting, and after Northampton had beaten off several attacks, Bonham obtained another try for the visitors, who led at half-time by 8 points to nil.

The weather cleared in the second half. Coventry were first dangerous, but Northampton improved, and fine three-quarter work gave them a try, through Faser, Vaughan failing with the kick. Immediately after Webb scored wide out in a forward rush, York missing the goal points

RICHMOND BEATEN.

UNITED SERVICES (PORTSMOUTH) 9 pts., RICHMOND 6.

The match between the United Services and Richmond was played at Portsmouth in a rainstorm before a small attendance. Play was exceedingly exciting in the first half. Ford went over for the Services after ten minutes, and then Godfray got an equalising try. Ten minutes before the interval the Services got a second try.

Townsend put the Services further ahead with an unconverted try within a minute of the re-start, but afterwards left the field with a wrenched ankle. Richmond scored through Wainwright, and the Services had to defend stoutly to reserve their lead.

WELSH TOO GOOD FOR STREATHAM.

STREATHAM 0 pts., LONDON WELSH 12.

The London Welsh did most of the attacking in the first half of their game with Streatham The weather was bad and the ground heavy. Ten minutes after the start Lusty scored a try for London Welsh. Rain made fielding the ball almost impossible, and it was chiefly a forward game. Just before half-time Lusty made a magnificent run to score a second try for the visitors.

Streatham had more of the ball in the second half, but were unable to break through the excellent defence of the London Welsh, for whom R. L. Jones and Richards added further tries. Owing to the heavy ball accurate place kicking was impossible. The tackling of both sides was very good

London Welsh, in spite of the bad conditions, touched the top of their form in every department of the game. Their forwards were particularly good, both in hard scrummaging and in the loose; and Powell, the international, could not have been surpassed in the versatility of his work immediately outside his pack. The back division, as a whole, disclosed great pace and straight running powers. Had the weather been normal, they must have scored many more than twelve points.

Streatham put great spirit into a losing game; their forwards were always up for a quick form down and kept on the ball when the scrummage was broken. The tackling all round was deadly, and no one came out better in the defence than Joubert, the Streatham full-back.

CLEVER PLAY IN BAD WEATHER.

CROSS KEYS 20 pts., ST. MARY'S HOSPITAL 6.

At Cross Keys rain and sleet fell and only a couple of hundred spectators watched the game. The ground was soft and treacherous, and often the ball stopped where it touched. St. Mary's opened the scoring, through Lewis, who beat the opposition through superior speed. Mulcahy next scored after some good passing, and Williams also got a try after a good burst by Brook White scored for St. Mary's after a nice pass from Seeley and Proctor added another try for Cross Keys before half-time, when the home club led by 9 points to 6

In spite of the very adverse conditions the game was bright and interesting, both sides handling in clever movements. Osmond scored after a very determined run, and Williams also beat a couple of backs to score another fine try wide out. Burnett kicked a clever goal. Mulcahy ran in from the "25" after nice passing.

LEVEL SCORING AT WOOLWICH.

MILITARY COLLEGE OF SCIENCE 6 pts., MAIDSTONE 6.

At Woolwich yesterday the match was spoilt by heavy sleet and sonw. After ten minutes' play Farmer kicked a penalty goal for Maidstone. The college then pressed, and scored two tries by their right wing three-quarter. The game developed into a forward scramble in the second half. Maidstone pressed and scored an unconverted try by Graham. The game was eventually abandoned, owing to the bad state of the weather, seven minutes from "no side" with the score six points each.

CLEVER HANDLING BY GUY'S.

MORGAN MAKES HIS FIRST APPEARANCE.

A SOUND PARTNERSHIP.

GUY'S HOSPITAL 13 pts., LONDON SCOTTISH 0.

Guy's Hospital beat London Scottish at Honor Oak Park by 2 goals and a try (13 points) to nothing, the game being cut short, owing to torrential rain, after ten minutes' play in the second half.

The decision to abandon the game was made by the players after consultation with the referee.

In view of the approaching Hospitals Cup matches, it was disappointing that a confusion in the London Scottish fixture list necessitated the fielding of an unrepresentative side, but this was, to some extent, compensated for by the first appearance for Guy's of W. G. Morgan, who renewed his partnership with W. H. Lewis.

Enough was seen during the game to show that the combination between these two former School and Varsity team-mates remains unimpaired. Indeed, the most striking feature of the play was to be found in the way they handled a slippery ball.

Guy's, with the wind and rain behind them, soon established themselves in Scottish territory, and, after A. G. Johnson had twice knocked on poorish passes from Morgan, C. D. Malone touched down in a scramble to give the Hospital a lead. Passing between Johnson, Morgan, and Lewis led to a try by the last-named from an inside pass, and further good handling enabled Morgan to sidestep the Scottish defence and score. L. Wailer, who played well at full-back, converted the last two tries, and Guy's did enough in the ten minutes during which they faced the gale to show that their defence was better than that of the Scottish.

Long kicking by Lewis, good play in the loose by R. A. Hogbin and J. R. Popplewell, of Guy's, and R. S. Walker and H. A. Aitcheson, of the Scottish, were noticeable in conditions unsuitable to finished Rugby.

LEICESTER PASS WELL.

BRILLIANT PLAY AGAINST ROSSLYN PARK.

LEICESTER 17 pts., ROSSLYN PARK 11.

Rosslyn Park attacked at the start and kept play on the Leicester line until Flewitt broke away, and, running three-quarters the length of the field, passed inside for Llewellyn to score under the post. Another breakaway by Cotton led to a further try by Llewellyn. Greenlees cut through well and Flewitt scored a further try for Leicester. Rosslyn Park were very persistent and unlucky not to score. Lewis was nearly through in the centre and Collins narrowly missed a drop at goal.

In the second half Rosslyn Park reduced the lead within five minutes, Beatty-Townall cutting through well for Castle to score. From a scrum on the visitors twenty-five line Gadney, the Leicester scrum half, went through on his own to score under the post and Prentice converted. Rosslyn Park returned to the attack, and Castle scored in the corner, Lusty converting. Woodhouse added a further try, and then Llewellyn scored an unconverted try for Leicester, who won by one goal and four tries to one goal and two tries.

The game was one of the best seen this season at Leicester. There was hardly a dull moment, and, at times, it rose to heights which might almost be described as brilliant. Particularly was this the case in regard to the three tries in the first half which laid the foundation of Leicester's victory. All of them were the result of quick thinking and clever combination, which was quite too good for the Park defence.

OLD MILLHILLIANS TRIUMPH.

A SUPERIOR SCRUM.

OLD LEYSIANS 9 pts., OLD BLUES 3.

On a slippery turf, with rain and sleet falling alternately throughout the match, Old Leysians defeated the Old Blues at Wandsworth Common by three tries to a try. The Old Blues had a stiff breeze in their favour during the first half, and they were frequently in the neighbourhood of the home goal-line, but they scored only one try, Roberts finishing up a dribbling movement by picking up and passing to Garrard, who scored. The kick at goal failed.

A long series of scrums near the Old Leysians' goal-line looked like producing another score, but the defence was sound, and eventually Taylor, an Old Leysian centre three-quarter, surprised players and spectators alike by a thrilling run, with three Old Blues in hot pursuit half the length of the field. He scored behind the posts, but Kilner could not add the extra points, and at half-time each side was credited with three points.

After the interval Old Leysians soon increased their lead by an unconverted try scored by Lumsden. Later, Jennings put in a fine run for the Old Blues. The issue was in doubt until ten minutes before "No side," when Kilner beat four opponents and scored a brilliant try which he failed to convert. The Old Blues had the better set of forwards, but the Old Leysians were superior behind the scrum, and superiority in this department enabled them to win the match.

A LAST-MINUTE VICTORY.

OLD CRANLEIGHANS 6 pts., U.C.S. OLD BOYS 3.

The game at Thames Ditton, in which the Old Cranleighans beat U.C.S. Old Boys by two tries to a penalty goal, was played in wretched conditions. In spite of a blizzard of snow and rain, which continued throughout, and part of the ground a quagmire, both sides went all out from start to finish. The U.C.S. opened the scoring with a penalty goal, to which the Old Cranleighans immediately replied with a fine forward rush, and J. E. Beynon crossed for an unconverted try.

Afterwards, on several occasions, each side looked like getting over with scrums and touches on the goal line. The deciding try, however, did not materialise until near the end, when the Cranleighans forced their way over as a result of a sustained forward pressure.

OLD HABERDASHERS BEATEN.

OLD HABERDASHERS 6 pts., LEYTONSTONE 8.

Under the worst possible conditions at Leytonstone, Old Haberdashers lost a closely contested game by 8 points to 6.

Leytonstone were the first to score through Davey, who converted his own try with an excellent kick. The Old Boys, by a series of forward rushes, took the ball into the Leytonstone "25" and scored an unconverted try through Treacy. In the second half the Old Boys took the lead with a try by Gaywood. In spite of repeated attacks by the Old Haberdashers, Leytonstone snatched a last minute victory with a try by Walters.

TROJANS WIN ON TIME.

TROJANS 6 pts., UPPER CLAPTON 3.

Upper Clapton were defeated by the Trojans at Southampton by 2 tries (6 points) to 1 try (3 points). The ground was in an appalling condition, being ankle-deep in mud, while the game started in a downpour of rain.

Good Rugger was impossible, and, except for one or two promising moves by the Upper Clapton backs in the first half, the game developed into kick and rush, at which the Trojan forwards were slightly the better. Kemp scored an unconverted try in the first half. and Brennan replied for Upper Clapton early in the second half. Just before the end Purvis touched down for the winning try for the Trojans.

S. C. Tucker, who captained Upper Clapton, worked very hard, and was at the forefront in every rush, while Roberts, at full-back, played his usual sound game. Wey and Steere also did exceedingly good work in the loose.

DATE FOR SOUTHERN SEMI-FINAL.

The Southern semi-final match in the Rugby County Championship between Middlesex and Gloucestershire, winners respectively of the South-Eastern and South-Western groups, will be played at Twickenham on Saturday, February 1.

PUBLIC SCHOOLS RUGBY.

MATCH WITH NATIONAL PROVINCIAL BANK.

The National Provincial Bank will meet a Public Schools fifteen at New Beckenham on Wednesday. The Bank will be represented by:—G. L. Gough; H. S. J. Lewis, C. F. Culley, L. W. Thomson, H. McClelland; G. R. Taylor, L. T. S. King; V. C. H. Major, G. J. B. Grimley, E. A. Williams, C. E Bootiman, G. Stannard, A. C. Shaw, W. R. P. Madge. G. A. Main.

The ground which adjoins Lower Sydenham Station may be reached by trains from London Bridge, Charing Cross, and Cannon Street.

COUNTY GAMES.

SOME HEAVY SCORING.

HOME TEAMS WIN.

LANCASHIRE 34 pts., NORTHUMBERLAND 9.

Brilliant form was shown by Lancashire in their game with Northumberland. At Manchester, in fine weather, before an excellent attendance, Foulds kicked a penalty goal for Lancashire in the first minute. Later Calder crossed for Lancashire, Foulds failing at the goal. Periton dropped a beautiful goal, and Savin added an unimproved try for Lancashire. Horsley eventually crossed for Northumberland, Hodgson failing at the goal-kick. Later Hodgson crossed again for Northumberland, Holt failing to improve. Just on the interval, Wilson crossed for Lancashire, the same player adding the goal points.

Periton crossed for Lancashire immediately on resuming, Wilson converting A few minutes later Meikle added a further try, Wilson failing at the goal. Polson crossed for Northumberland, Hodgson failing to improve. Later Meikle got another try for Lancashire, Wilson converting, while Calder crossed once more for Lancashire.

CORNWALL'S HANDICAP.

GLOUCESTER 23 pts., CORNWALL 0.

Gloucester got a very useful lead over Cornwall in this match played at Bristol under the most appalling conditions, snow falling heavily and the ground being in a terrible state. Cornwall made three changes, but Gloucester were as selected. Gloucestershire had the better of the game, their forwards playing magnificently, while the backs, despite terrible conditions, did some clever handling. Gwyn Davies crossed after a brilliant effort, Burland converting, and close on half-time R. James added another try which Boughton failed to convert.

Cornwall improved after the interval, their forwards playing well, but they lost Jennings and House injured. Gloucester then did all attacking, and Wadley, Carter, and Gwyn Davis added tries, Boughton also placing a penalty goal. Bendall added a try.

SOMERSET HARD PRESSED.

SOMERSET 13 pts., DEVON 8.

Somerset soon had the measure of Devon at Bridgwater before four thousand spectators. Their forwards played finely, Spence scoring a try and Towse converting The home team continued to have much the better of the play, and Towse scored a try after a brilliant run, Gregory converting this one.

Somerset restarted vigorously and Towse scored a try and goaled it following smart play by Pickles. Devon made a fine recovery, and tries were scored by Williams and Richards, Stanbury converting in one instance.

OLD MILLHILLIANS WIN.

NARROW VICTORY OVER "THE CLUB."

BLACKHEATH 5 pts., OLD MILLHILLIANS 6.

In conditions as bad as they well could be at Blackheath, Old Millhillians gained a highly creditable victory over Blackheath by two tries to one goal.

The visitors, who were without W. H. Sobey and P. D. Howard, both of whom are playing for England on Saturday, had three-fourths of the game. W. G. Ramsay led a pack which repeatedly beat Blackheath for the ball, with the result that numerous attacks were set up, and in these R. S. Spong played a great part. There were times when the Old Boys' backs executed some capital handling movements, and that in spite of the difficulties occasioned by the greasy ball.

Blackheath had their periods of attacking, but though they often got near the Millhillians' line, they lacked finish. The Old Boys opened with a try by Carris, but "the Club" soon took the lead when Kentish converted a try gained by O'Dwyer. Forward exchanges marked the second half, the only score being an unconverted try by Lackie.

WASPS WIN HARD GAME.

CLEVER KICKING BY THE CATFORD HALF-BACK.

WASPS 11 pts., CATFORD BRIDGE 0.

Catford Bridge visited Wasps at Sudbury, and a good hard game was seen in wretched weather. Rain was falling at the start, but both sides tried to open up the game as long as it was possible to handle the ball. In this period the chief feature was the clever kicking of Van Schalkwijk for Catford and Cruford for Wasps. the respective fly halves. When handling became hopeless both sides resorted to footwork, and just before half-time Garbutt scored an unconverted try for the Wasps. In the second half the Wasps' forwards dominated the game, their dribbling being perfectly carried out, and further tries were scored by Swyer and Meadows, one being converted by Garbutt. The result was 11 points to nil in favour of Wasps. The rain turned into heavy sleet and the second half was curtailed by agreement. In spite of the conditions, J. Saunders, the Wasps' full-back, appeared to be quite unhandicapped, and gave a striking display.

BART'S DECISIVE SUCCESS.

ST. BART'S 20 pts., OLD HAILEYBURIANS 0.

At Winchmore Hill St. Bart's Hospital met the Old Haileyburians whose side included F. H. Heywood, the Cambridge Blue. Ten minutes after the start Powell went in for St. Bart's following a forward rush, and Taylor cut through with a further try five minutes later. Both kicks at goal failed Taylor also ran from halfway to score a brilliant try. The splendid work of Taylor at the base of the scrum gave St. Bart's the bigger advantage behind.

St. Bart's held a big advantage in the tight scrums, and their three-quarters were faster and handled better, J D Powell running well. The Old Boys' forwards did some fine work in the loose, but their backs found very few opportunities to attack. Capper scored a try for Bart's following a forward rush. Taylor converting. Beilby made an opening for Grace to go in, but Capper again failed with the kick. Rain fell heavily in the second half, the ball being very difficult to handle.

ANOTHER WIN FOR OLD PAULINES.

OLD PAULINES 16 pts., RUGBY 6.

Rugby were the visitors to Ealing Common, and during a heavy downpour of rain were beaten by 16 pts. to 6 by the Old Paulines. The first score for the Old Boys resulted from an opening by Jenkel, who passed in for Salmons to score a try. Shortly afterwards, Low knocked on when he had a clear field, but he very soon retrieved this mistake and scored a good try, which King converted This was followed by the first try for Rugby, scored by Treen, who, however, failed to convert. The Rugby scrum half, Lissman, was hereabouts off the field momentarily with an injury. The Old Paulines scored another unconverted try through Jenkel, and led by 11 points to 3 at the interval.

The game was resumed under appalling conditions, and yet play was surprisingly open, although handling was often faulty on account of the greasy ball. Low scored a try for the Old Paulines after a wonderful forward rush, ably led by the Embletons and Mischler This try was converted by King. Before the end Walker crossed for Rugby's second unconverted try.

BANK OF ENGLAND BEATEN.

WESTON-SUPER-MARE 6 pts., BANK OF ENGLAND 0.

Bank of England fielded a strong fifteen at Weston-super-Mare, while for the home side Foxwell deputised for Hill in the pack. The heavy conditions kept play among the forwards for the major portion of the game, but the Bank three-quarters, Gillett in particular, showed their usual brilliance with spasmodic bursts for the Weston line, and they were only foiled by keen tackling.

Mainly through strong efforts by their forwards Weston scored two tries in the second half Clayton, following up smartly, was responsible for the first try, and a splendid dribble by Murdie brought the second. The game lacked excitement, and the Bank were unable to display their best form through the conditions.

OLD DUNSTONIANS UNLUCKY.

OLD DUNSTONIANS 8 pts., OLD ELTHAMIANS 9

At Beckenham the game started in fine weather, and the home side soon scored, Sheridan going over for a try and Womack kicking a good goal. With driving rain the conditions soon became deplorable and handling impossible. In the second half the winners deserved tries scored by Farmer, Butler, and Noble, none of which was converted. Just before no-side Rayner scored a good try for the losers, but the kick failed. The Dunstonians were unlucky to lose Scott with injuries soon after the start.

ENGLAND'S FIRST MATCH.

A SURPRISING OMISSION.

HAVE THE SELECTORS BLUNDERED?

By D. R. GENT.

The most notable feature about the team chosen to play for England against Wales on Saturday is the omission of A. L. Novis. If there has been one player in the country who has picked himself, as it were, for the England side, it is Novis, *but as a centre.* Because there was a dearth of wings, however, the selectors have played him in all three Trials on the wing. True, Novis has much more speed than most centres, and it was rather a strong temptation for the selectors to put him on the wing, and to persevere with moderate centres in the hope of making them better. The experiment has failed rather badly, for F. W. Malir has not improved, while Novis has shown more and more clearly in the successive Trials that he is not a wing.

We all have our idiosyncrasies, of course, and our standard of values may differ as regards the different aspects of centre three-quarter play, but I consider that Novis, with an adequate outside half, is the best centre we have. What I like about his play as much as anything is his ability to turn forward rushes by his opponents or mistakes by their backs into strong attacks for his own side. How many tries have he and H. P. Jacob scored for Blackheath in this way? A dozen or more, I am sure. It would have been hard lines, perhaps, on Malir to be robbed of his cap after playing in all three Trials, with very fair marks on the average. Still, he is not, in my opinion at least, the class player that Novis is.

UNDISTINGUISHED.

The three-quarter line, as it stands, is quite a serviceable one. You have in J. S. R. Reeve and H. P. Jacob two very competent attacking wings. Both are fast, and only want reasonable openings made for them to get tries. Reeve has shown in two matches at least that he also knows how to defend. In the "Rowland Hill" match he very effectively shadowed Ian Smith, while in the Final Trial he kept Novis very quiet. Jacob's defence is not his strong point, though his beautiful kicking is helpful to him in this respect. To make full use of the speed of their wings, both L. M. Robson and Malir must remember that they must let their wings have the ball quickly; it is no use making an opening, holding on to the ball so long as to enable the defence to get across, and then letting the wing have the ball when his pace is practically useless to him. I have dealt with the half-backs many times already: they should do well, especially individually. If only R. S. Spong could develop the knack of sending his centres away smoothly, I should feel happy about our halves in every way. J. G Askew only needs to be quite fit to be a splendid full-back. There, then, are the backs, about the best we have, with the exception of Novis, and picked on lines that must appeal to most people.

THE "NEW" PACK.

Before dealing with the forwards who *have* been picked I should like to say a word or two about one who has not; I refer to the very popular J. S. ("Sam") Tucker. Unlike the case of Novis, I rather agree with the selectors here, as I think that this magnificent forward has had his day. He shone in the first Trial, but since then has shown that he now has not quite the stamina for this "big" football, and I shall be surprised if he again plays for England. But what a splendid forward he has been! He has played twenty-two times for England, and in probably the most exacting position of all—viz., a front-row forward, one of his main jobs being to hook We have not had a better player of his kind since the war. To it all Tucker has added a most cheery temperament; he never loses his temper; he takes his hard knocks and gives them fairly and squarely; and when we think of the very fine forwards England has had since 1919 we shall put Tucker along with W. W. Wakefield and A. T. Voyce, not, perhaps, like those two, some of the game's really great forwards, but still a splendid specimen of a Rugby footballer.

In choosing the pack the selectors have gone in for youngsters, and they have everyone's support, I feel confident, in doing so. Unfortunately the standard of forward play among the new men is not high, but it will improve, and if they fail us at first, well, they must be persevered with and given every encouragement, unless, of course, their display is very bad. But I do not anticipate that. I rather think they will get a rare gruelling from the Welshmen, who should be strong in front. But I do expect them to stick it, and make up in stamina and pluck what perhaps they lack in first-class experience.

It is good to see H. G. Periton fit for his own job and for that of leader of the pack—and, presumably, the side. His experience should be unusually helpful.

I have dealt briefly with the Welsh side elsewhere, but from what I have seen of Welsh football this season I do not think that even our moderate side need be unduly alarmed about their visit to Cardiff this week, though the Cardiff Arms Park ground is not exactly the easiest for young internationals to play their first game on. It should be a very keen and close game indeed, with little in it either way, nearly everything depending, from an English point of view, on how the young pack plays.

ENGLAND'S TEAM COMPLETED.

TUCKER GETS HIS PLACE AGAINST WALES.

It was officially announced yesterday that the vacant place in the England fifteen to oppose Wales at Cardiff on Saturday will be filled by W. E. Tucker, the Blackheath forward. The team is:—

J. G. Askew (Cambridge University); *J. S. R. Reeve (Harlequins), F. W. S. Malir (Otley), L. M. Robson (Oxford University), and *H. P. Jacob (Old Cranleighans); *R. S. Spong (Old Millhillians) and W. H. Sobey (Old Millhillians); *H Rew (Exeter), D. A. Kendrew (Woodford), A H. Bateson (Otley), B. H. Black (Oxford University), J. W. Forrest (United Services), *H. G. Periton (Waterloo), P. D. Howard (Oxford University), and W. E. Tucker (Blackheath).

* A former international player.

THE WELSH CHOICE.

FEW SURPRISES IN MODERATE TEAM.

The following side was chosen at Cardiff last night to represent Wales in the Rugby match with England at Cardiff on Saturday, January 18.

Full-back: J. Bassett (Penarth).

Three-quarters: J. C. Morley (Newport), H. M. Bowcott (Cardiff) (Captain); T. E. Jones Davies (London Welsh), and Arthur Hickman (Neath).

Halves: D. A. Roberts (London Welsh) and F. Williams (Cardiff).

Forwards: T. Arthur (Neath), E. Jenkins (Aberavon), W. Thomas (Abertillery), A. Skym (Cardiff), A. F. Bowdler (Cross Keys), Ivor Jones (Llanelly), D. Parker (Swansea), and T. Hollingdale (Neath).

The new caps are Jones-Davies, Hickman, Roberts and W. Thomas.

This Welsh side is much on the lines expected, writes D. R. Gent, there being no real surprises. A. Hickman, the new wing, has done very well indeed for his club, as has T. E. Jones Davies, the latter whilst at Cambridge as well. Guy Morgan's temporary loss of form has cost him his place, and the side is now to be captained by H. M. Bowcott, who, I think, is a much better outside-half than centre—in fact, I consider him the best attacking outside-half in England or Wales. The selection of D. A. Roberts for W D. Hopkins at scrum-half, is, perhaps, rather surprising, but I have heard very competent judges speak most highly of Roberts, who, by the way, is no relation to John Roberts, the old International.

I adhere to what I have said elsewhere, and repeat that this is not a side that the chosen England team need be afraid of.

THE IRISH FIFTEEN.

The following team will represent Ireland against France at Belfast on January 25:—

A. N. Other, full-back; J. B. Ganly (Monkstown), G. V. Stephenson (London Hospital), T. P. Murrey (Wanderers), J. C. Arigho (Lansdowne), three-quarters; E. O'D. Davy (Lansdowne), M. Sugden (Wanderers), half-backs; G. R. Beamish (Leicester), C. Carroll (Bective Rangers), J. D. Clinch (Wanderers), M. J. Dunne (Lansdowne), J. L. Farrell (Bective Rangers), C. J. Hanrahan (Dolphins), J McVicker (Queen's University) and C T. Payne (North of Ireland), forwards. The one new "cap" is Carroll.

RUGBY RESULTS.

IRISH INTERNATIONAL TRIAL.

	Pts.		Pts.
Probables	30	Possibles	8

COUNTY MATCHES.

Gloucestershire	23	Cornwall	0
Lancashire	34	Northumberland	9
Somerset	13	Devon	8

CLUB MATCHES.

*Guy's Hospital	13	London Scottish	0
Harlequins	3	Blackheath	3
London Scottish	6	O.M. Taylors	0
St. Bart's Hospital	20	Old Haileyburians	0
Streatham	0	London Welsh	12
Birkenhead Park	27	Bradford	8
Cheltenham	3	Gloucester	0
Cross Keys	20	St. Mary's Hospital	6
Devonport Services	6	Bath	6
Leicester	17	Rosslyn Park	11
Northampton	6	Coventry	8
Neath	0	Pontypool	10
Plymouth Albion	8	Exeter	5
Utd. Services (Ports)	9	Richmond	6
Stewartonians	5	Glasgow Acads.	22
Watsonians	0	Heriotonians	8
Blackheath	5	Old Millhillians	6
Old Leysians	9	Old Blues	3
Bedford	26	Moseley	3
*N.P.B. of India	8	St. George's Hospital	0
K.C.H.	14	K.C.S.	0
L.C.C.	0	S. Amer. Bank	0
Harrow	3	Barnet	19
Harrow B	0	Barnet B	14
L.C.C. A	11	Oxo	3
Wasps	11	Catford Bridge	0
Trojans	6	Upper Clapton	3
Waterloo	9	Fylde	8
Berkshire Wands.	14	Newbury	3
Chiltern	0	Oxford Exiles	0
R.A.F. (Halton) A	9	Chiltern A	0
London Scottish B	3	Richmond B	5
G.W.R.	10	L.M. and S.R	0
Charlton Park	5	Sidcup	13
Mil. Col. of Science	6	Maidstone	6
Maidstone A	6	Maidstone Ch. Inst.	3
Maidstone Ex. A	17	Canterbury	3
Law Society B	3	Rosslyn Park B	16
*Hong Kong and Shanghai Bank	13	Exiles	6
Artists Rifles C	9	Surrey Yeomanry A	3
Catford Bridge B	0	Wasps B	13
Toc H.	0	Artists Rifles	9
Law Society A	6	Artists Rifles A	11
*Artists Rifles B	0	Toc H. Ex. A	11
Brighton Ex. A	4	Northern Assurance	2
Tunbridge Wells	12	Gravesend	0
Gravesend A	3	Tunbridge Wells A	8
Catford Bridge B	0	Wasps C	13
Old Stortfordians	19	Bishops Stortford	0
Weston-super-Mare	6	Bank of England	0
London Irish B	18	Upper Clapton B	0
London Irish C	31	Upper Clapton C	0
St. Mary's Hosp. A	0	B.T.H. (London)	12
Lloyds Bank	9	Sutton	0
Lloyds Bank B	9	Sutton B	0
Ilford Wanderers	6	Twickenham	0
Metropolitan Police	11	Southend	3
Britannic House	0	Battersea Poly.	0
Ealing C	18	Wembley A	0
West Herts	10	Harrow	0
West Herts B	11	Thames Valley B	0
Camelot	3	Cuaco	0
Standard Tele. A	12	Edgware Ex. A*	0
R.N.C. (Greenw'h) A	3	H.A.C. A	12
Sutton A	3	Lloyds Bank A	0
Middlesex Hospital	3	Westcombe Park	3
British Celanese	8	Esher A	0
Customs Sports	13	South-West Essex	0
Upper Clapton A	0	Civil Service A	0
Woodford	6	Tonbridge	5
Woodford A	32	Old Leysians A	0
Woodfod Ex. A	17	Tonbridge A	3
Woodford B	3	Selfridge	14
Woodford C	8	Westminster Bnk. C.	0
Wasps A	6	Catford Bridge A	5
Twickenham A	0	Osterley	9
Osterley A	9	The "Times"	3
Osterley B	5	Sharpshooters	24
Glasgow High Sch.	45	Edinburgh Institution	0
Polytechnic	9	Westminster Hos.	0
Polytechnic A	18	Birkbeck Coll. A	0
Esher	3	Thames Valley	3
Esher A	3	Thames Valley A	3
Esher C	6	Staines A	0
Rosslyn Park A	11	London Scottish A	3
Rosslyn Pk. Ex. A	8	London Scot. Ex. A	6
London Scottish B	3	Richmond B	5

*Abandoned owing to bad weather.

Matches Scratched:—Aberavon v. Llanelly, Penarth v. Newport, Swansea v. Cardiff.

OLD BOYS' MATCHES.

Old Westcliffians	33	R.A.F. (North Weald)	0
Leytonstone	8	Old Haberdashers	6
Old Cranleighans C	9	H.A.C. C	9
Old Paulines	16	Rugby	6
Old Paulines A	11	Old Cranleighans	3
Old Paulines C	8	Old Dunstonians B	3
Old Whitgiftians V.	6	Lensbury Extra C	3
Ealing A	6	Old Dartfordians	12
Warlingham Ex. A	6	Caterham Old Boys	15
Warlingham B	0	Old Elthamians B	3
U.C.S. Old Boys B	15	St. Thomas's Hosp. B	3
Sutton Extra C	11	Old Croydonians	0
Old Whitgiftians VI.	0	Rosslyn Park B	32
Old Whitgiftians II.	11	London Hospital A	3
K.C.S. Old Boys A	16	King's Coll. Hosp. A	0
K.C.S. Old Boys B	17	King's Coll. Hosp. B	0
Old Haileyburians B	11	St. Mary's Hosp. B	0
Old Haileyburians A	26	West Herts A	0
Gaflae	3	Old Johnians	17
Old Blues A	3	Richmond A	0
Old Blues Extra C	0	P.L.A.B.	0
Old Blues D	3	Toc H Extra B	20
Old Elthamians	8	Old Ledingensians	11
Bishop's Stortford	0	Old Stortfordians	19
Old Whitgiftians	11	Old Brightonians	0
Old Edwardians	19	Stafford	0
Old Dunstonians	8	Old Emmanuel	9
Old Millhillians A	12	Old Emmanuel A	5
Old Emmanuel C	10	Old Millhillians C	0
Old Emmanuel Ex. C	15	Wasps Extra C	0

RUGBY LEAGUE.

AUSTRALIAN TOUR.

Salford	5	Australians	21

LEAGUE MATCHES.

Barrow	0	Swinton	3
Batley	0	Featherstone Rovers	6
Bramley	4	Widnes	0
Castleford	2	Leeds	22
Huddersfield	4	Dewsbury	9
Hull	18	Keighley	3
Hunslet	9	Wakefield Trinity	14
Rochdale Hornets	5	Bradford Northern	18
St. Helens	23	Halifax	2
Warrington	13	Oldham	6
Wigan	27	St. Helens Rec.	5
York	3	Hull Kingston Rvers	2

GOLF.

U.S. WALKER CUP TEAM.

NEW YORK, Saturday.

The composition of America's team in the "Walker" Cup match against Great Britain, at Sandwich (England), on May 15 and 16, which will leave America in April, was announced to-day as follows:—

R. T. Jones (Atlanta), captain; Harrison R. Johnston (St. Paul), G. Von Elm (Detroit), Francis Ouimet (Boston), G. Voigt (New York), Dr. O. F. Willing (Portland), Jess Sweetser (New York), and Donald K. Moe (Portland). Reserves: R. Mackenzie (Washington) and M. McCarthy, junr. (New York).

It is expected that the members of the team will take part in the British Amateur Championship, while Jones and Von Elm will probably participate in the Open Championship.—*Reuter's Special Service.*

CLUB COMPETITIONS.

BEACONSFIELD.—M.M.—Div. 1.: B. C. Harvey, 82-6=76. Div. II.: N. Thomson, 100-17=83.

BERKHAMSTED.—M.B.: A. R. Tanner (4), 1 down.

BURNHAM BEECHES.—M.M.: F. J. Goch, 94-18=76.

BURHILL.—M.M.—Senior: R. Rutherford (scratch), 77. Junior: H. C. Debenham, 97-14=83.

BUSH HILL PARK.—M.M.—Sen.: L. Shillingford, 79-8=71; A. G. Brasted 82-11=71, tied. Jun.: R. Hodson, 85-16=69.

COOMBE HILL.—W.C.B.: H. L. Hendriks (5), 1 down.

CROWBOROUGH BEACON.—M.M.: Capt F. G. C. Weare 84-3=81, O. S. Scott 86-5=81, and E. Higinbotham 87-6=81, tied

CULVERDEN (TUNBRIDGE WELLS).—M.F.: Miss Linton and F. Pennink, 89-15½=73½.

EDGWARE.—M.M.—Sen.: G. L. O. Jessop 72-3=69. Jun.: E. Samuel, 93-17=76.

FOLKESTONE.—M.B.: Major Wrightson (11), 3 down.

FULWELL.—M.C.—Senior: F. Gould, 80-5=75. Junior: E. Aylwin, 97-16=81. B.C.: F. Gould (5), 1 down.

GUILDFORD.—M.B.: S. W. Godin (18), 3 down.

HAMPSTEAD.—M.M.—Senior: W. Shearer, 84-9=75. Junior: Dr. B. Lake, 95-18=77.

HOME PARK.—M.B.: G. P. Simon (14), all square.

LEATHERHEAD.—M.M.—Senior: W. J. B Blew, 80-8=72. Junior: J. K. Backus, 90-17=73.

MAIDENHEAD.—M.M.—Senior: W. L. Millington, 89-10=79. Junior: F. Gregson-Williams, 97-18=79.

MUSWELL HILL.—M.M., Division II: J. A Levay, 96-18=78; G. L Clayton, 96-18=78; W Dawe, 95-17=78, tied.

NORTH HANTS (FLEET).—M.M.: D. B. Lang, 93-12=81.

OLD FOLD MANOR.—M.B.: H. G. Taylor (12), all square.

OXHEY.—Jan. Medal.—Senior: G. K. Cooper, 81-6=75. Junior: R. C. Raine, 98-13=85.

PINNER HILL. — M.M.: J. McCulloch. 93-15=78.

ROEHAMPTON.—M.B.: Major H. H. Dean (18), 2 down.

ROYAL BLACKHEATH.—"Old Blackheathan" Vase: R. H. Sandford Smith, 90-17=73.

ROYAL EASTBOURNE.—M.B.—Div. I.: E. F. Lawson (1) all square Div. II.: V. M Wadsworth (13), 6 down.

ROYAL EPPING FOREST.—M.M.—Class I.: J. H. Mattinson 80-8=72 Class II.: B. Fielding. 94-16=78

ROYAL ST GEORGE'S (SANDWICH).—M.B.: Douglas Grant 2 up

SUNDRIDGE PARK.—M.M.—Sen.: R. G. Williams. 91-12=79. Jun B.: F. H. Wood (16), 1 down.

TYRRELLS WOOD.—M.M.: L. S. Redman, 100-20=80; C. H. McKnight, 100-20=81.

WEST KENT.—M.B.: H. A. Pickering, 5 down; W. H. Walker jun. 5 down. tied

WOODCOTE PARK (COULSDON).—M.B.: J. V. Lindsay (14), 1 up.

WEST INDIES TEST

BRILLIANT HUNDRED BY ROACH.

STEVENS BOWLS WELL FOR M.C.C.

BARBADOS, Saturday.

The first of the three Test matches between the M.C.C. team, captained by the Hon. F. S. G. Calthorpe, and the full strength of the West Indies, began here to-day, the island being greatly excited by a test of strength in which it was expected the West Indies would reverse the defeats sustained in England in 1928.

West Indies, captained by E. L. G. Hoad, of Barbados, left Challenor out and brought in Walcott for Neblett, probably on the strength of Walcott's fine innings in the last match. Stanyforth, the vice-captain, and Townsend were left out of the M.C.C. team together with Wyatt, who is injured.

Hoad won the toss for the West Indies, who opened on a plumb fast wicket with Roach and Hoad to the bowling of Voce and Haig.

Roach was in brilliant form and punished the bowling severely all-round the wicket. Outdistancing Hoad quickly, he reached his 50 in an hour, having made 20 by boundary strokes. Hoad, who was not very comfortable, batted laboriously by comparison and at 90 he was caught by Rhodes off Voce for 24.

Roach went on after lunch to complete a brilliant century, his punishing but stylish hitting provoking great enthusiasm among the large crowd. He was finally out to a fine catch by Hendren in the outfield for 122, scored in two hours and three-quarters. His score included no fewer than twenty boundary strokes.

At the tea interval the total was 236 for three wickets, De Caires having mastered the bowling and made 48 not out.

After tea Caires and Sealy scored freely until Stevens came on to break up the partnership. The game then went in favour of the M.C.C., Stevens meeting with great success, and at the close of play eight wickets were down for 338. Score:—

WEST INDIES.—First Innings.

E. L. G. Hoad, c Rhodes, b Voce	24
C. A. Roach, c Hendren, b Astill	122
— Headley, hit wicket, b O'Connor	21
F. I. De Caires, c Sandham, b Voce	80
J. D. Sealy, c Haig, b Stevens	58
L. N. Constantine, lbw, b Stevens	13
C. A. Browne, b Stevens	0
E. St. Hill, c Calthorpe, b Stevens	0
J. Walcott, not out	7
H. C. Griffith, not out	5
Extras	8
Total (for 8 wkts.)	338

R. Hunter to bat.

M.C.C.—Hon. F. S. G. Calthorpe (capt.), N. Haig, G. T. S. Stevens Ames, Rhodes, Gunn (G.), Astill, Hendren, Voce, O'Connor and Sandham.—*Reuter's Special Service.*

N.S. WALES v. S. AUSTRALIA.

SYDNEY, Saturday.

Rain curtailed play to thirty-eight minutes in the Sheffield Shield match between New South Wales and South Australia here to-day During that time South Australia took their overnight total of 183 for 9 to 212 without further loss. Score:—

SOUTH AUSTRALIA.—First Innings.

G. W. Harris, c Love, b Everett	1
D. Pritchard, c Love, b Chilvers	23
B. W. Hone, b McCabe	42
V. Richardson, lbw, b Chilvers	14
H. C. Nitschke, c Hooker, b Fairfax	1
H. E. P. Whitfield, c Love, b Chilvers	28
A. Hack, b Chilvers	16
C. W. Walker, b Fairfax	0
C. V. Grimmett, not out	40
T. Carlton, b McCabe	4
T. Wall, not out	32
Extras	16
Total (9 wkts.)	212

—*Reuter's Special Service.*

NO PLAY IN TEST MATCH.

CHRISTCHURCH, N.Z., Saturday.

Rain prevented the resumption of the first Test match between the M.C.C. and New Zealand here to-day.—*Reuter's Special Service.*

FENCING.

SEVEN BOUTS WON BY C. P. COLLINS.

By LEON BERTRAND.

Yet another fencing organisation has entered the lists. It is termed the Cercle d'Ecrime Anglo-Français, and the principal condition of membership is somewhat intriguing and peculiar. All members must speak English and French.

These bi-linguists encountered a stiff proposition yesterday when they met the University College and Hospital Fencing Club at the latter's headquarters in Gower Street in a two-weapon match. They were heavily defeated with the foil 13—3, but made a braver showing with the épée, succumbing by 6—3. Naturally they started with a great handicap in point of experience, but they show abundant promise, and they should go further.

There was little continuity in the foil exchanges; in fact, I observed but one counter-riposte throughout the afternoon, when S. E. Barrett, a left-hander, beat C. F. Critchley, to give the Cercle the lead at 2—1. C. P. Collins, who is a tower of strength to the U.C and H.F.C., was never comfortable against Barrett, whose victory placed the teams on level terms at 3 all. Thereafter the home side settled down and proceeded to win the remaining ten bouts. As his side was a man short, Collins filled a dual role, and he had the excellent score of 7 wins and 1 defeat. He was ably assisted by F E. Charlton with 3 successes and 1 loss. Barrett was the outstanding foilist for the losers, halving his four assaults

The épée-play was very good, quite an excellent reproduction of "l'affaire," so far as patience, caution, and restraint were concerned.

The University College and Hospital were easily superior in the first half, and by winning the first four bouts had victory well in sight. The issue, however, was delayed by W. Landolf's win over Charlton by an excellent stop at the sword-arm, and by R. Lioret's defeat, in a very protracted fight, of C. G. Brée by a hit on the body. Then Collins made the event safe for the home side with a beat in "second" and an attack at the shoulder against Landolf.

On the aggregate of bouts for the match the winners totalled 19—6. Details:—

FOIL.—Univ. Coll. and Hos. F.C.: F. L. Charlton, C. P. Collins, and C. F. Critchley, 3—1; Collins (2nd series), 4—0 Total 13 wins. Cercle Anglo-Français: S. E. Barrett, 2—2; T. Mathews, 1—3; T. N. R. Harris and C. J. Stonhold, 0—4. Total, 3 wins

EPEE.—Univ. Coll. and Hosp. F.C.: C. P. Collins, 3—0; Charlton, 2—1; C. G. Brée, 1—2. Total, 6 wins. Cercle Anglo-Français: R. Lioret, W. Landolf, and J. R. F. Thompson, 1—2. Total, 3 wins.

CLUB ROWING.

N.A.R.A. LEAGUE FOURS.

There was another full programme of heats in the Winter League Fours of the N.A.R.A. (Lea Branch) rowed off yesterday. With the exception of the state of the water, the conditions were about as bad as they could be. All the heats rowed off were in the Junior Division, and the results were as follow:—

Heat 1.—Oxford House R.C. (S. Brooks, G. Brooks, W. Skinner, J. Crutchfield, and H. Brone), 1; Excel R.C. (E. Rebeck, C. Harvey, A. Harvey, C. Crick, and F. Pemberton), 2. Won by a length and a-half. Heat 2.—Guild R.C. (A. Common, J. Willett, B. Havens, A. Morsman, and J. Ecott) rowed over; Metropolitan Police A.A. (H Divn.) absent. Heat 3.—Amalgamated Press R.C. (V. Sigola, A. Doughty, D. Clark, C. Garrett and F. Haynes), 1; Leytonstone R.C. (C. Doggett, J. Fisher, G. Tanner, H. Penrose, and R. Penrose), 2. Won by quarter of a length. Heat 4.—Tiger R.C. (J. Dawkins, J. MacIlwraith, F. Blows, W. Bates, and J. Higgs) rowed over; Gladstone R.C. scratched. Heat 5.—Borough of Hackney R.C. (J. Eddicott, W. Ravenhill, G. Ingles, B. Clark, and J. Jeffery), 1, Iris R.C. (G. Turner, W. Shaw, W. Langley, J. Walier, and L. Plaster), 2. Won by three-quarters of a length. Heat 6.—Clapton Warwick R.C. (H. Brooks, W. Richards, F. Crossley, ?. Syrrett, and D. Gillespy) rowed over; Britannia R.C. absent.

The Thames Branch concluded their Winter League Fours over a course of a mile at Barnes. Racing again proved very interesting, and a number of close finishes were witnessed. Details:—

SENIOR SECTION.—Heat 1: Borough Polytechnic R.C., 1; Barnes and District R.C., 2. Heat 2: Metropolitan Police A.A., "A" Division, 1; Chiswick Generals R.C., 2.

JUNIOR SECTION.—Heat 1: *Times* R.C., 1; Ace R.C., 2. Heat 2: Metropolitan Police A.A., "A" Division, 1; Metropolitan Railway R.C., 2. Heat 3: L.G.O.C., 1; Barnes and District R.C., 2. Heat 4: Borough Polytechnic R.C., 1; Furnivall S.C., 2. Heat 5: City Police R.C., 1; Chiswick Generals R.C., 2.

As a result of the competition, which was begun in November, Chiswick Generals R.C. scored the highest number of points in the Senior Section, while the City Police and the "A" Division of the Metropolitan Police A.A. tied and will row off for first place in the Junior Section, each having scored an equal number of points.

MOTOR MATTERS.

BRAKES AND WINTER DRIVING.

THE "DOUBLE TWELVE"

By GEORGE C. STEAD.

Recent wintry conditions have brought to light the fact that modern braking systems are in several cases not quite so good as they are claimed to be. With four-wheel brakes the average driver has generally covered every sort of surface with perfect confidence in his braking power, only to find in some cases that his brakes, instead of being a protection, are a positive danger.

In my experience, the worst driving surface occurs when the road is covered with thawed snow which has afterwards frozen. This results in a sheet of ice, with the result that the most modern of tyres with the sharpest of treads have difficulty in obtaining a grip. As long as the wheel is rotating, braking can be carried out satisfactorily, but once the wheel has locked, there is very little grip between the tyre and the road, and on an icebound surface the slightest maladjustment or the smallest fault in the braking-gear may have far-reaching results.

ADJUSTMENT OF BRAKES.

Before any car is delivered to the purchaser the brakes are carefully adjusted, and when new their operation can scarcely be improved It is after the car has covered a certain mileage and the various parts have settled down to their work that readjustment is practically always necessary.

For four-wheel brakes an assistant is required to operate the pedal while each brake is being adjusted. If very great accuracy is required, a "mechanical foot" may be employed which, under the action of a spring, maintains constant pressure on the pedal. All four wheels should be jacked off the floor. The particular pair of wheels undergoing attention should be spun round and the brakes then applied, when both wheels should come to rest simultaneously. The brakes should be adjusted until this state of affairs is secured. It is advisable to ascertain beforehand from the makers whether the major proportion of the braking should be on the front or the back wheels.

After experience of most cars fitted with four-wheel brakes, I find that I obtain the best results from those in which the front pair are not compensated, but have independent adjustments, and in which the rear pair are compensated to allow for the action of the differential. In the case of compensated front-wheel brakes it is practically impossible to arrange the compensation so as to allow for the difference in grip of the brake-linings, and for the variation in adhesion between the tyres and the road.

The application of four-wheel brakes throws the weight of the car to a greater extent on the front wheels of the car, and those wheels therefore have a greater grip of the road. Some makers, therefore, arrange for a greater braking effect on the front.

BRAKE MATERIALS.

The most popular form of brake lining is of the asbestos pattern, which has many advantages and few disadvantages The fabric lining is more liable to variations in effect owing to the presence of oil or water than the metal-to-metal system, but has the greater advantage of being normally silent in operation and proof against overheating. With fabric brakes it may often be found that inequality of operation is due to the presence of oil or water on the surfaces, which has to be squeezed out before the brakes will work.

Wintry conditions afford an excellent opportunity for the testing of brakes If a deserted road with an ice-bound surface can be discovered the adjustment of the brakes can be quickly checked by finding the exact point at which each wheel will lock

THE "DOUBLE TWELVE.

One of the most successful long-distance races held at Brooklands last year was the Double Twelve Hour Race, organised by the Junior Car Club. This is the nearest approach to a twenty-four hour race which is permitted by the track regulations.

The second race of the series will be held this year on May 9 and 10. The regulations have now been issued, and certain important changes are to be noted from those for last year's event. Instead of a varying minimum distance being set for every car according to its variation in engine capacity, the minimum distances for 1930 are set for each class This will make the progress of the race very easy to follow.

A novel feature this year is the Club's intention to make an award to the car which has the highest figure of merit taking the chassis price of the car into consideration. The result of this experiment will be watched with interest Bodywork regulations have now been internationally standardised and competing cars will be able to run without alteration in all the principal races this year both at home and abroad.

THE MONTE CARLO RALLY.

Entries for the great Monte Carlo Rally closed on December 31, and the competitors, who number over 100, have now declared their starting points.

It will be remembered that the marking determining the prizes is based on the distance covered, the average speed, the number of passengers, the condition of the car at the finish, and its regularity of running over a certain part of the course

There is a large British contingent, and most of these will be starting from John o' Groats, the most northerly point of Scotland There are exceptions, of course, the most notable of whom, perhaps, is Hon Mrs Victor Bruce, who has selected as her starting point a place called Sundsvall, on the borders of Sweden and Lapland

The arduousness of Mrs. Bruce's undertaking is accentuated by the fact that she has first to get to this point before starting on the competition proper. At a farewell party in London last week a few of the difficulties of the journey were described At its close Mrs. Bruce set off on her Hillman Straight Eight with two companions en route for Dover, the first point on the outward journey.

The distance from Sundsvall to Monte Carlo is in the neighbourhood of 2,250 miles, and this must be completed in three days twenty one hours, the same driver to be at the wheel the whole time. It is an awe-inspiring undertaking, but, as Major Sir Henry Segrave pointed out, the best way for British trade to expand overseas is to meet the foreigner in competition on his own ground and to win.

This is Mrs. Bruce's sixth rally, and her previous experience should considerably enhance the prospects of victory.

BIG-CAR RUNNING COSTS

Some interesting figures relating to running costs have reached me from the owner of a 20 h.p. Armstrong Siddeley, who gives his mileage for the last two years as 38,768

During this time, I am informed, the engine has not been decarbonised or touched in any way, and the total cost per mile works out at 3.58d. per mile. This figure includes petrol, oil, tyres, repairs, insurance, taxation, and full depreciation On a large mileage such as this it will be seen that the running costs of a comparatively large car are very reasonable.

Light Lamps (London): 4.44 p.m.

CIVIL SERVICE WOMEN'S CROSS-COUNTRY CHAMPIONSHIP.

Wretched conditions prevailed for the Civil Service Women's Cross-Country Championship, which was decided from the Headquarters of the Middlesex Ladies' A.C. at Perivale. The 2½ miles course was waterlogged, and rain fell throughout the race, while a snowstorm commenced just after the finish. The event had attracted forty-six entrants, and half this number of women braved the conditions. B. Giffen (Ministry of Labour) ran a well-judged race to win in 17 min. 5 sec. She was followed half a minute later by another Ministry of Labour runner, M. Farrelly. E. Dilmot (Customs and Excise) was third in 18 min. 18 sec. Team honours were easily secured by Ministry of Labour, whose three scoring representatives totalled eight points against the twenty-two points obtained by the runners-up, Savings Bank.

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RACING NOTES.

GRAND NATIONAL HORSES.

WHAT THE EARLY PREPARATIONS REVEAL.

FAITH IN EASTER HERO.

By "FAIRWAY."

I think it is safe to say that moderate horses outnumber the good ones for this year's Grand National, and it only goes to emphasise there is a dearth of long-distance cross-country performers in this country. Gone, it would seem, are the days when horses like Manifesto, Jerry M., Poethlyn, and Troytown stood out from their rivals, for with few exceptions the entries for the big Aintree race are not up to the average class of steeplechasers of other years. Indeed, I am bold enough to assert there is only one exception, and that is Easter Hero, who is pretty certain to be in nearly all the spring doubles. That being the case, should it so happen a popular choice wins the Lincolnshire Handicap, Mr. J. H. Whitney's horse, providing all goes well with him in the meantime, will start at a false price for the Grand National.

The more I wade through the entries, the more convinced do I become that, with ordinary luck, Easter Hero will pull through this time. Mr. E. A. C. Topham, the Liverpool clerk of the course and Grand National handicapper, cannot give the gelding more than 12 st. 7 lb. (the same weight as last year), and as Gregalach beat him then (luckily, no doubt), Mrs. Gemmell's horse is bound to be brought appreciably nearer to Jack Anthony's charge. Again, we may be sure that Richmond II. will have more than 10 st. 6 lb. to carry next time, so that, when one comes to size up the situation as it presents itself at the moment, it does appear that Easter Hero has bright prospects of going one better in March. I think I have already made it clear in a previous article that the trouble began last year when the son of My Prince spread a plate two fences from the winning post. J. Moloney, who rode him on that occasion, is convinced to this day that, but for the unfortunate mishap, Easter Hero would have stayed in front from beginning to end. Mr. J. H. Whitney has also nominated Sir Lindsay, a maiden, but so long as Easter Hero remains sound I doubt if he will worry much about this one.

AN UNTIMELY END.

I had looked for the name of Maguelonne from the same stable, but I understand the mare has finished with racing, which is a pity, for she was a beautiful jumper. Attention from time to time will be turned to the three horses entered from T. E. Leader's stable, Gregalach, Great Span, and Sandy Hook. Although Gregalach triumphed rather unexpectedly last year, it will not surprise me if at a later stage this young trainer has more faith in Great Span, once an inmate of W. Payne's stable. Great Span, it may be recalled, was travelling like a winner in the race won by Tipperary Tim, but at a critical part of the contest the jockey's saddle slipped. A horse capable of accomplishing that much, even though it happened nearly two years ago, is surely entitled to respect.

The only doubt I have about Great Span is he may be lacking in finishing speed to cope with Easter Hero if Mr. Whitney's horse is still on his legs when it comes to negotiating the last mile of the gruelling test. Leader's third candidate is Sandy Hook, who followed Easter Hero until coming down at the fence after Valentine's the second time round; so it will be seen the Newmarket trainer has a strong hand. George Poole was good enough to tell me last week that Richmond II. will fulfil one of his near-at-hand engagements, and until I have seen this promising young steeplechaser in action again I shall postpone judgment. Having in mind the bad luck Old Tay Bridge experienced in the race, Frank Hartigan is building up hopes that Shaun Goilin will be equal to achieving his life's ambition, and, as the winner of the Grand Sefton Steeplechase, success for Mr. W. Midwood's horse is well within the bounds of possibility. Glanmore, from the same stable, has also shown a partiality for the Aintree fences, but I fear he may not stay the journey quite so well as Shaun Goilin. Gate Book and Newsboy, nominated by Mr. Frank Barbour, are due to pass through the sale ring at Knightsbridge to-morrow week, and as both are, to my mind, ideal Aintree types, there will, I fancy, be some keen competition to get possession

While D.D.B. was one of the nine that got round safely last March, it occurs to me that K.C.B will be Withington's main hope this time, and with the possible exception of Easter Hero, I doubt if J. Moloney would pick another horse to ride, for his jumping has improved considerably during the past twelve months, which is more than can be said of the majority of those that took part in the last contest who have been nominated again. I shall be interested to see the weight Mr. Topham gives to Big Wonder, for here we have another that has made rapid strides towards the select band of stayers since he won the National Hunt Steeplechase at Cheltenham last March.

THE NEWCOMERS.

Of the newcomers, chief interest will centre around Patron Saint and The Druce Machine. The first of these built up a name for himself by winning several steeplechases off the reel as a four-year old, and crowned the efforts by winning the Cheltenham Gold Cup in the following year, or strictly speaking, the same National Hunt season. Unfortunately Mr. F. W. Keen's horse broke down after taking part in a race at Ludlow in the spring of 1928, and we have not seen him on a racecourse since. I gathered from H. Harrison, Patron Saint's trainer, that his charge is quite sound again, so it should not be long before the gelding is sporting silk once more. Irish interests stop short at Sanders, Prince of Iveagh, and Kilbuck, the latter of whom won the Indian Grand National before he was sent back to Ireland. Of the trio, our friends in the Emerald Isle will probably want to side with Sanders, for he won one race and finished second in another at the Liverpool November meeting. At that I leave the Grand National for the time being, and will sort the wheat from the chaff at leisure.

Racing this week takes place at Derby, Lingfield, and Windsor. At the Midland meeting, I have ticked off Forbra as the likely winner of the Derby Handicap Hurdle Race, and Sans Blague seems to me nicely weighted for the Burton Handicap Steeplechase. Blaris may have most to fear from Low Tide for the Byrkley Handicap Steeplechase. Several Grand National aspirants are engaged in Class I of the Burstow Double Handicap Steeplechase at Lingfield on Thursday, and if this is the race selected for Richmond II., it is my belief he will win. Selections:—

DERBY.

MONDAY.

Burton Handicap Steeplechase.—SANS BLAGUE.

Derby Handicap Hurdle.—FORBRA.

TUESDAY.

Byrkley Handicap Steeplechase.—BLARIS.

Round-the-World Handicap Hurdle Race.—ROYAL BOWER.

LINGFIELD.

WEDNESDAY.

Burstow Double Handicap Steeplechase.—SUTTON WICK.

Blindley Heath Hurdle Race.—LAMINARIA.

THURSDAY.

Burstow Double Handicap Steeplechase (Class I.).—RICHMOND II.

Eden Vale Handicap Hurdle Race.—LACOCK.

WINDSOR.

FRIDAY.

Journey's End Steeplechase.—DON SANCHO.

Royal Handicap Hurdle Race.—KHADIR.

SATURDAY.

Barracks Handicap Steeplechase.—BRACKBAWN.

St. Leonards Handicap Hurdle Race.—PRINCE CHERRY.

Yesterday's Racing.

CONSISTENT LORDI.

DONEGAL BEATEN BY SUPERIOR JUMPING.

From OUR RACING CORRESPONDENT.

HURST PARK, Saturday.

No Metropolitan meeting held under National Hunt Rules has been attended by a more enthusiastic or larger attendance this winter than was seen here this afternoon, and this despite the various Cup-tie attractions around London. An innovation in the chief betting enclosure was the bookmakers' betting lists, and one heard on all sides expressions of approval by the public, who do not feel it encumbent upon them to ask the price of a horse. They can now see for themselves. About a dozen of the layers utilised the betting boards upon which to mark their prices, and it will not be long before all come into line with the practice.

The Mitre Handicap Steeplechase was a vindication of complete public faith in Lordi, one of the most consistent horses of the past month or so. He never jumped more cleanly. It was, in fact, his superior jumping which won him the race. At one stage, about three fences from home, he had drawn up to the pacemaker, Donegal, a much-fancied rival. So far as one could judge from their jockeys, there was little to choose, and then at the penultimate obstacle Donegal made a mistake and Lordi gained a sufficient advantage by which to gallop home a gallant winner in an extremely hard race.

A fairly high value was placed upon the winning performance of Michaelmas Day when he beat West Indies and a crowd of other horses at Gatwick recently, with the result that although he was meeting West Indies on 9 lb. worse terms, he was backed almost to the exclusion of the others, which included Xenophobe, who beat Arctic Star at Newbury. The market did not reflect itself in the result. West Indies, ridden with more restraint than at Gatwick, came through to draw too much speed for Angel-Angel and Michaelmas Day. Even the blunder of the latter at the last hurdle does not excuse his defeat. Details:—

1.0.—RICHMOND HURDLE RACE (£200) (2m.).
West Indies (Mr. C. B. Rowe), b m by Jackdaw—Isle of the Blessed, 6 yrs., 11 st. 12 lb. (C. Mallon) 1
Michaelmas Day (Mr. C. M. N. Harmsworth), gr g by Tetratema—Sister Barry, 5 yrs., 12 st. 1 lb. ....(Stott) 2
Angel-Angel (Mr. F. Ambrose-Clark). b g by Achtoi—Simple May, 7 yrs., 11 st. 12 lb. (Mr. A. Bostwick) 3

Also ran: Valois, Dark Ages, Double Spot, Speyside, Yoho, John o' London, Corporal Nym, Hippolytus, Mustard Club, Festum, Xenophobe, Cornwallis, Royal Repose, Bunthorne, Winter Prince, Yarmouth, Tangira, Dutch Gold. (Winner trained by C. Chapman.)

Betting.—*Sporting Chronicle:* 6 to 5 agst Michaelmas Day, 7 to 1 WEST INDIES, Xenophobe, 8 to 1 Angel-Angel, 100 to 8 Dark Ages, Royal Repose, 25 to 1 others. 3 l., 2 l.

Totalisator (2s. stake): Win, 13s. 6d.; places, 3s.; 2s. 6d., 4s. 6d.; win pool, 11,561; place pool, 10,931.

1.30.—NORBITON (S.) CHASE (£150) (2m. 310yds.).
Redshank (Mr. W. Hutchinson), br g by Redwood—Ayah, 11 yrs., 11 st. 3 lb. (J. Browne) 1
Benjamin Cherry (Mr. W. P. Doyle), b g by Courageous—Bachelor's Cherry, 10 yrs., 12 st. 4 lb. ....(Owner) 2
Le Mont D'Here (Mrs. P. Panto). gr g by Isard II.—Mary Adeane, 11 yrs., 11 st. 3 lb. ....(T James) 3

Also ran: Mirathorn Manambar, Pine Bluff, Mask Man. (Winner trained by Law.)

Betting.—*Sporting Chronicle:* 6 to 4 agst Pine Bluff, 100 to 30 REDSHANK, 6 to 1 Mirathorn, 7 to 1 Le Mont D'Here, 10 to 1 Benjamin Cherry, 20 to 1 others. 6 l., 6 l.

Totalisator: Win, 6s. 3d.; places, 4s., 11s. 3d; win pool, 7,658; place pool, 4,475.

2.0.—WOLSEY (S.) H'CAP HURDLE RACE (£150) (2m.).
Irish Lord (Mr. E. Martin), b g by Irish Battle—Lady M.C., 5 yrs., 10 st. 10 lb. (J. Hogan) 1
Gafadoun (Mr. M. Dollar), bl g by Martin—Festa, 5 yrs., 11 st. 11 lb. ....(Thrale) 2
Achroy (Mrs. V. Cazalet), b g by Achtoi—Roy's Daughter, 6 yrs., 11 st. 6 lb. (J. Ermer) 3

Also ran: Strong Point, Red Conrad, Vic's Choice, Brewster, Cyclone, Dilly, John Haig, Lavande, Shining Light, Chuocks, Ben Trovato, Venetian Star, Duck Boy, Flaxen Boy, Mighty Chance, Arsinoe. (Winner trained by Owner.)

Betting.—*Sporting Chronicle:* 11 to 4 agst Venetian Star, 11 to 2 IRISH LORD, Lavande, 6 to 1 Gafadoun, 8 to 1 Brewster, 10 to 1 Achroy, Ben Trovato, John Haig, Arsinoe, 100 to 7 Red Conrad, 25 to 1 others. 2 l., 1 l.

Totalisator: Win, 32s. 6d.; places, 8s. 3d., 6s. 9d., 5s. 9d.: win pool, 10,724; place pool, 9,769.

2.30.—MITRE CHASE (£300) (3m. 100yds.).
Lordi (Mr. A. M. Jones), br g by Lormi—Santa Visto, 9 yrs., 12 st. 3 lb. ......(Stott) 1
Donegal (Mr. A. Bendon), b g by General Gough—Jewess, 13 yrs., 12 st. 6 lb. (Speck) 2
Paris Flight (Mr. W. Harris), b g by Rabelais—L'Adorable, 10 yrs., 11 st. 6 lb. (E. Vinall) 3

Also ran: Little Knight, Savernake, The Monk. (Winner trained by Turner.)

Betting.—*Sporting Chronicle:* 6 to 4 agst LORDI, 11 to 4 Donegal, 7 to 2 Paris Flight, 8 to 1 Savernake, 10 to 1 The Monk, 20 to 1 Little Knight. 2 l., bad third.

Totalisator: Win, 4s. 9d.; places, 2s. 9d., 3s. 6d.; win pool, 11,345; place pool, 5,593.

3.0.—STANLEY CHASE (£150) (2m. 310yds.).
Gladsmuir (Mr. W. A. Bankier), br f by Moorside II.—Glad Joycie, 5 yrs., 11 st. 7 lb. .... (D. Williams) 1
Blue Mark (Mr. F. R. Samson), ch g by Blue Ensign—Iuky, 5 yrs., 12 st. 3 lb. (G. Goswell) 2
Fiery Foot (Mr. P. Bartholomew), ch m by Skyrocket—Aruazel, 6 yrs., 12 st. (F. Brookes) 3

Also ran: Lucky Charlie, Secretary, Decollete, Sir Dennis. (Winner trained by I. Anthony.)

Betting.—*Sporting Chronicle:* 11 to 10 agst GLADSMUIR, 3 to 1 Blue Mark, 5 to 1 Sir Dennis, 8 to 1 Secretary, 10 to 1 Fiery Foot, 20 to 1 others. 5 l., 2 l.

Totalisator: Win, 4s 9d.; places, 3s. 6d., 3s. 6d.; win pool, 9,766; place pool, 4,854.

3.30.—MORTLAKE HURDLE (£200) (2m.).
Polish Patriot (Mr. T. Walton), b g by Kosciusko—Waterproof, 10 yrs., 10 st. 13 lb. (Graves) 1
Adage (Mr. S. Wootton), ch h by He—Aunt Hetty, 7 yrs., 11 st. 10 lb. ....(Crump) 2
Winter Royal (Mr. Geoffrey Gilbey), br g by The Winter King—Anglian Queen, 5 yrs., 11 st. 2 lb. .... (G. Winder) 3

Also ran: Sky Writer, Livid, Ironclad, Wondrous, Great Care, Uncle Woody, Fair Weather Jack, Mittagong, Northward, Cardinal's Ring, On Approval, Beau de Ghent, Star Boy, Sidi Gaba, Battalion, Spot Cash, Æsculapius. (Winner trained by Killalee.)

Betting.—*Sporting Chronicle:* 100 to 30 agst Adage, 11 to 2 Mittagong, 6 to 1 Fair Weather Jack Winter Royal, 7 to 1 Cardinal's Ring, Battalion, 10 to 1 Wondrous, Sidi Gaba, 100 to 8 Sky Writer, 20 to 1 POLISH PATRIOT and others. 2 l., 3 l.

Totalisator: Win, 44s. 9d.; places, 12s. 3d., 4s. 9d., 5s. 3d.; win pool, 10,680; place pool, 6,896.

Totalisator Totals: Win, £6,173 8s.; place, £10,425 4s.

OFFICIAL SCRATCHINGS.

DERBY MEETING.—Etwall Handicap Hurdle: Rochester Row, Blue Don. Round the World Handicap Hurdle: Zig Zag. Byrkley Handicap Chase: Ampulla. Grangewood Hurdle: Historical, Sprite.

LINGFIELD MEETING.—Stayers' Handicap Hurdle: Loyal Scot. Burstow Handicap Chase: Great Span. Weald Handicap Chase: Sandy Hook.

MISCELLANEOUS.—Royal Handicap Hurdle (Windsor): Master Buttall. Barracks Handicap Chase (Windsor): Prince Jerome. Chesterton Selling Handicap Hurdle (Warwick): Murillo II. Egham Hurdle (Kempton): Wilfred. All Engagements under Rules of Racing: Michaelmas Day. All Engagements: Strega.

RIFLE SHOOTING.

Shooting on the City ranges, members of the Stock Exchange R.C., in competitions and a match, registered some very fine shooting. No fewer than three possibles f 100 points were recorded. Two were by Mr Roger Riley and one by Mr. F. Beard while totals of 99 were scored by A. E. McKerness R A. Coleman, E. A. Hankins, and F. Beard. F. Beard dropped only one point in the time limit contest. The Stock Exchange B team beat the Stanley Social Rifle Club by 576 points to 569 in the match.

LACROSSE.

CLUB MATCHES.

Purley II.	1	Hampstead II.	4
Catford	12	Purley	0
*Hampstead	3	Surbiton	0
Hampstead II.	5	Purley II.	1

LEAGUE MATCHES.

Wallington	5	Catford II.	3
Buckhurst Hill II.	14	Willoughby II.	4
Surbiton II.	13	Lee II.	0

WOMEN'S INTER-COUNTY MATCH.

Middlesex	2	Surrey	9

* Abandoned 15 minutes before time.

SOUTH AFRICAN T.T.—The first 1930 CASTROL Triumph First Second and Third in the 350 c.c. class used this famous Lubricant. The winner, Don Hall (Velocette), broke the lap record and the record for the course winning the Woolavington Trophy Don Hall also won last year, using CASTROL.—C. C WAKEFIELD and CO., LTD., All-British Firm, Wakefield House, Cheapside, London, E.C.2.—[ADVT.]

THE BOAT RACE.

CAMBRIDGE CREW IN THE MAKING.

POSSIBLE CHANGES AHEAD.

FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT.

CAMBRIDGE, Saturday.

The University Boat Race is far ahead (the date is Saturday, April 12), but the Cambridge crew, who are generally the first to begin practice, have followed their usual custom, and had actually started before 1929 was out, for, before returning to Cambridge, many of the men had had instruction in small boat work at Henley under Mr. Peter Haig Thomas.

Over three months' preparation is considered by some people to be too long, but the contrary opinion is held by the C.U.B.C. authorities, and, as a matter of fact, Boat Race preparation may be said to start with the first appearance of the Trial Eights early in October, practically six months before the race!

There is not the wealth of talent available at Cambridge this year as has been the case for the past four or five years, and, judging by the fact that only twelve men have come up early to begin practice, it would seem that the authorities have already decided that certain Trial Eights' candidates are of no further use to them.

Of course, there is still plenty of time to call in fresh candidates, and when it is remembered that such good oarsmen as O. V. Bevan (Lady Margaret) and D. St. J. Gogarty (Pembroke) have not yet had the opportunity of showing what they can do in the University boat, it is not unlikely changes may be seen before very long.

Latest Work.

The crew concluded a strenuous week's work to-day when they paddled over the lock-to-lock course from Victoria Bridge to Little Bridge, a distance of three miles. It was in no sense a time test, for the rate of striking hardly rose above twenty to the minute, except over the last 200 yards, when Brocklebank worked it up to just over twenty-two. The distance was covered in just under eighteen minutes, and the crew had a strong following wind and good stream under them. Otherwise conditions were about as bad as they could be, for a heavy rainstorm came on just after the crew had started, and subsequently turned to sleet and snow, against which they had to struggle back in the teeth of a strong south-westerly wind.

It was unfortunate that the conditions were all against good oarsmanship, for, although the boat travelled well, the men had difficulty in keeping on their feet, and, in consequence, there was a good deal of rolling in the more exposed reaches. Fortunately, Post Reach was more sheltered, and, rowing a slightly faster stroke, the crew showed up very well over the final stages of the course, their timing and bladework being quite good, and the general all-round improvement since the beginning of the week most pronounced.

Under the circumstances, Mr. Holcroft, the coach, did not keep the men hanging about at the finish of the course, but had the boat turned round, and got the crew back to headquarters in stages, where they arrived drenched to the skin.

The clinker four carried out their training independently under Mr. Sanders, and made the usual journey to Baitsbite Locks during the afternoon.

Order of rowing and weights:—

D. Haig Thomas (Eton and Lady Margaret) (bow), 11 st. 3 lb.; N. M. Aldous (St. John's, Leatherhead, and Selwyn), 11 st. 11 lb.; A. S. Reeve (Brighton and Selwyn), 11 st. 7 lb.; P. N. Carpmael (Oundle and Jesus), 12 st. 7 lb.; M. H. Warriner (Harrow and First Trinity), 14 st. 3 lb.; F. Bradley (Leighton Park, Reading, and Pembroke), 14 st. 7 lb.; R. A. Davies Cooke (Eton and Third Trinity), 12 st. 2 lb.; T. A. Brocklebank (Eton and Third Trinity) (stroke), 11 st. 6 lb.; R. E. Swartwout (Middlesex, U.S.A., and First Trinity) (cox), 7 st. 6 lb.

The clinker four were:—

R. H. B. Symonds (Bedford and Lady Margaret) (bow), 11 st. 8 lb.; H. R. N. Rickett (Eton and Third Trinity), 12 st. 4 lb.; J. H. M. Ward (St. Paul's and Lady Margaret), 12 st. 6 lb.; H. H. E. Vesey (Charterhouse and First Trinity) (stroke), 11 st. 8 lb.; J. M. Ranking (Cheltenham and Pembroke) (cox), 6 st. 10 lb.

SATISFACTION AT OXFORD.

GOOD MATERIAL AVAILABLE.

FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT.

OXFORD, Saturday.

Oxford were supposed to make a start on Thursday, but the president, A. Graham (Brasenose), could not get his crew together until a day later. The outlook from the Oxford point of view is very satisfactory, as there is plenty of good material available, and unless luck is against him, he may follow in the steps of T. W. Gubb and stem the tide of Cambridge successes on the river, as the latter did on the Rugger field.

In addition to the president, J. A. Ingles (Magdalen), the secretary, D. E. Tinne (University), and G. E. Godber (New College) are the only Blues available, and if coming events cast their shadows before, it looks as though the last-named will not get a place again, as he failed to secure a seat in the Trials after rowing for some time.

There will surely be some differences of opinion with regard to the stroke thwart, and it is doubtful if Oxford has ever had such a trio of capable oarsmen for the position, as the president, C. F. Martineau (University), and C. M. Johnston (Brasenose), any of whom would fill the position with credit. The president's choice on Friday fell on Johnston, Martineau being given No. 2 thwart, where he seemed somewhat overshadowed by G. M. J. Waterhouse, the bow, who is more than a stone heavier than the University College oarsman.

Waterhouse, who rowed 7 to Johnston in the Trials, is a very stylish oar, a remark that can be applied to the other Eton Freshman, L. Clive, who found a place at 6.

University College played a very strong hand as, besides Martineau, R. H. Dutton, N. K. Hulton, and D. E Tinne found places, while R V. Low, who never obtained a trial last year, was given tubbing instruction in company with R. A. J. Poole (Brasenose). It was rather odd to find the Trial Eights so evenly represented, there being four men from either crew, while H. A. C. Durbridge (University) was called on to handle the rudder lines. The latter is a capable cox, and possesses a very valuable asset in a cheery disposition.

It had been stated that Dr. P. C. Mallam, the old president, would undertake the coaching at the beginning of practice, but he is only just back from a sojourn on the Continent in connection with a Radcliffe Travelling Fellowship, and cannot at present spare time, so that for the next week or two the president will take things in hand.

The outlook was none too promising a week ago, as floods were still in evidence, and, consequent on recent heavy rains, the river showed a rather alarming rise, but things have taken a turn for the better, and since Tuesday the river has been steadily falling.

Work Under Difficulties.

The promised gale was very much in evidence during Friday night and there was also very heavy rain. Fortunately, as to-day wore on, the wind moderated, and there was a spell of fine weather in the morning, of which the president, A. Graham (Brasenose), took advantage by giving several of the men a good spell of tubbing instruction. No sooner, however, had the crew put in an appearance at the boathouse in the afternoon than rain and snow commenced to fall, and continued throughout the practice. Major Wiggins, Dr. P. C. Mallam, and H. C. Morphett were in attendance, and after some more tubbing had been done the crew took their places in the eight, seated in the same order as on Friday. They headed upstream, and reaching Randles Bridge, swung round. A tremendous stream was running, and they went down to Iffley without much effort at a stroke of 22. They put about at the Isis, then had a spell of paddling to the Weirs Bridge, and, after a few minutes' rest, completed the remainder of the course with another break on the way at Tallboys Barge. Having turned, they finished the afternoon's work with a steady paddle back to the boathouse at twenty-four to the minute. During the afternoon R. V. Low (University) and R. A. J. Poole (Brasenose) went out sculling.

The crew consisted of M. J. Waterhouse (Balliol), C. F. Martineau (University), N. K. Hutton (University), R. H. Dutton (University), J. A. Ingles (Magdalen), L. Clive (Christ Church), D. E. Tinne (University), C. M. Johnstone (Brasenose), and H. A. C. Durbridge (University).

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